

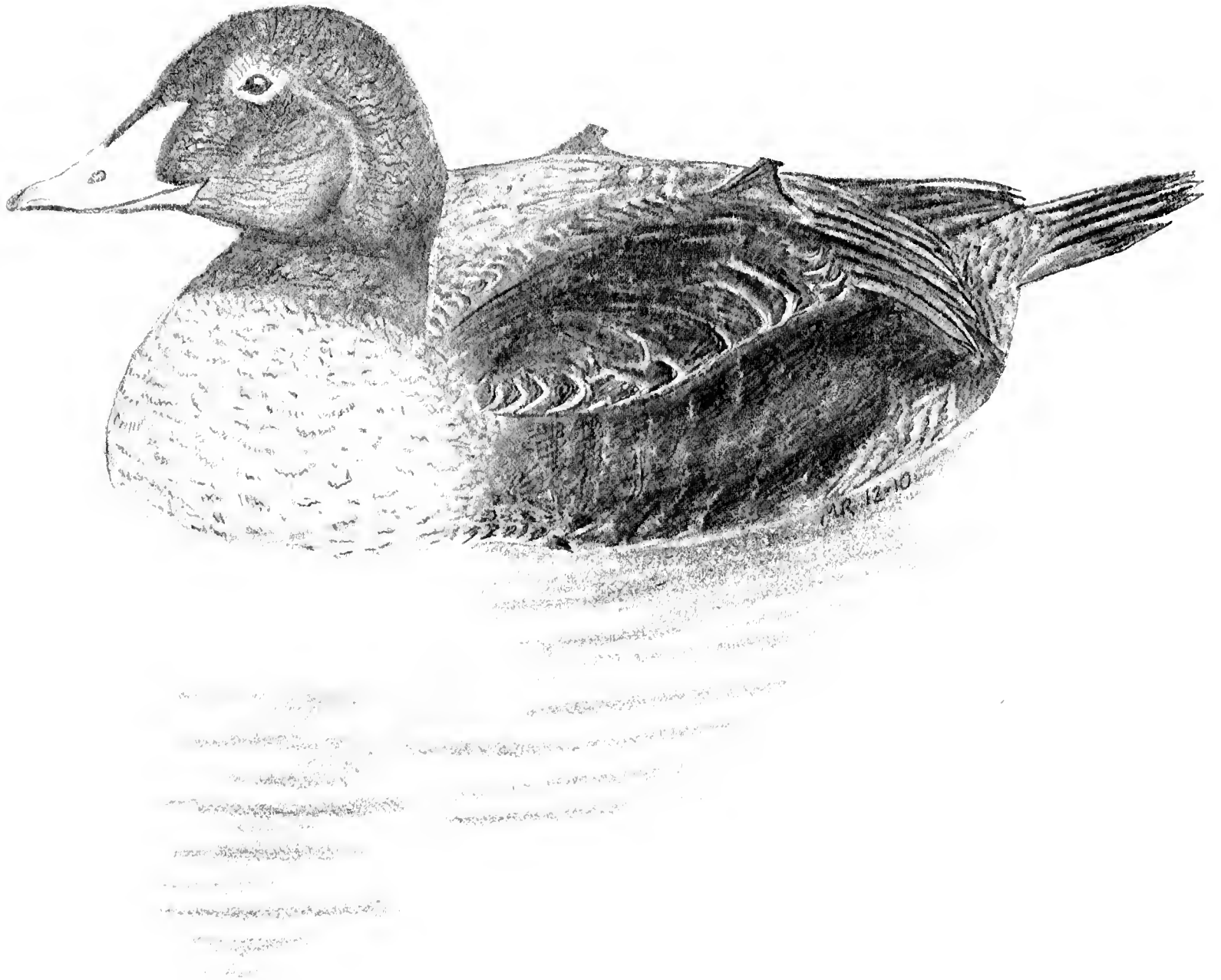
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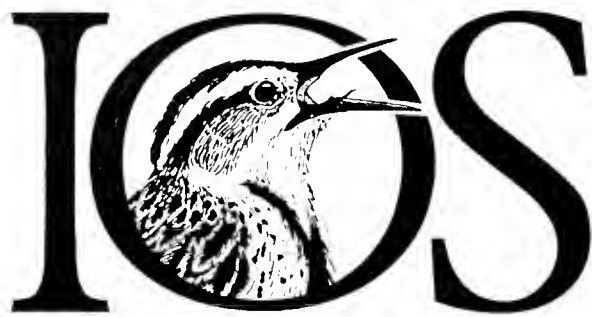
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President's Message

I subscribe to at least 10 internet listservs devoted to birding, some local (like IBET), some regional and at least one national in scope. Reading one of them recently, I was struck by how frequently those who post use an email address directly connected to being a birder. One address in particular put it right out front, identifying the writer as *thepassionatebirder*. That got me thinking: Do non birding friends, spouses, children, co-workers, etc., view us as passionate about birding, or obsessive? And is there a difference? And how do our birding friends view us, and themselves? I know my wife Karen sometimes views me as just a wee bit obsessive when I try to explain why I still read the North Dakota listerv, since we haven't been there in 3+ years and have no immediate plans to return. I just tell her I love to read about those winter Gyrfalcons.

Obsessions are fascinating, albeit sometimes not very pleasant to those who associate with an obsessed person. But isn't the same thing true about a passion? We all know someone who is passionate about playing bridge, rooting for the Chicago Cubs or St. Louis Cardinals (there's an obsession for you!), visiting garage sales, or some other avocation. If that particular bug didn't bite you, it's tempting to scratch your head, and say "I just don't get it!" Like it or not, I do think that birders as a group would view the word obsessive as a pejorative. Even within the birding community, there are occasional sparring matches over the merits of 'listing' vs. not keeping a list, with salvos being fired suggesting a lack of merit to...whichever side of that fence you're on.

Since at least one person did self identify as a passionate birder in his/her email address, I made a cursory search to see whether any other individual birders used any form of the word obsession in their email address. I found none. This admittedly unscientific survey suggests we don't, as a group or individually, view ourselves as obsessive about birding.

Unfortunately, our self perception may be out of step with the general view. Soon, we will either enjoy (or cringe) at Steve Martin in the *Big Year* movie, described by *The Hollywood Reporter* as "...an allegory for the challenges each (of the rivals) faces in his own life." Then there's the recent column by Nathan Heller in the online magazine *Slate*, who theorizes that birding "...rose to popularity in the unrest of the nuclear era, and...points toward a looming fear of ecological apocalypse." Say what!! We bird to act out an allegory of our fear of a nuclear holocaust! Heller even manages to gratuitously interject the infamous Leopold and Loeb child killers into the column. It's pretty clear this columnist at least is firmly on the side of those in the non birding public who view us as obsessed.

Then there was *The (Manchester) Guardian* article in 2006 reporting on the death of Colin Watson, Britain's most notorious egg collector. Watson died falling from a larch tree while trying to reach a nest. First *The Guardian* describes him as "passionate" about his "hobby," who enjoyed birds as a boy. Happily, the article does eventually concede Watson wasn't just a boyhood bird watcher gone wrong. But I suspect they had to tiptoe very carefully around the suggestion that birders are obsessive, given the power and influence of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, with its 1 million plus members (200,000+ youth members). Though RSPB might not be too disturbed about being labeled as obsessive, since their stated goal is to "...speak out for birds and wildlife, tackling the problems that threaten our environment."

So the next time a non birding friend asks why you bird, just tell them it's a passion. Then offer to take them out in the field with you, so they can experience one of those WOW moments we all experience. Perhaps they'll become as passionate as you are.

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Letter from the Editor

Here's something you don't hear often as a birder: "I didn't get my target birds but it was the best field trip I've been on."

Best field trips of course are the ones when you saw great birds, right? But a young birder, a charter member of IOS's Illinois Young Birders Club to be exact, uttered those exact words to his father after going on an owl prowl at Ryerson Woods recently.

Steve Bailey and I led the prowl, with Steve doing most of the prowling and talking and me trudging behind through the deep snow. Though Barred Owls responded, they didn't show themselves to the prowlers. And that was OK. We went out for pizza afterward and talked about, you guessed it, birds, or lack thereof!

The next day, Steve and I went to see more than 60 Bald Eagles at Lock and Dam No. 13 along the Mississippi River. We were also out and about looking for the Barrow's Goldeneye along the Mississippi River farther south. We didn't get the goldeneye, but we did give some youngsters their first looks through scopes of Bald Eagles, and told a family how to get to the place where the Snowy Owl was being seen.

You can have a great time birding and not see the birds you've been seeking. There really is something to this "camaraderie" part of birding, and especially to getting youngsters involved in the hobby. That's why I'm thrilled about the new young birder's club and how well it is doing. I'm grateful to Brian Herriott for his leadership and to IOS for making this – one of our new outreach programs – a success.

Besides, Steve bought a book called "Zen Birding," and I read some of it to remind myself once again that it's not just the rare bird I'm after, but the experience.

I will, of course, not say that I'm perfect – I'm still not happy I didn't see the Western Grebe a couple of years ago that everyone else, it seems but me, saw at Saganashkee Slough. But, ah, the camaraderie. Ommmmmmmmmm.

Doesn't always work, does it?

Sheryl DeVore

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Golden Eagle attacks white-tailed deer at Nachusa Grasslands

Story and Photos by Eric Walters

I was birding Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Counties) on 13 February 2010 hoping to see a recently reported Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*), among a large variety and number of other raptors. At 11 a.m., I noticed a large bird just north of Stone Barn Road and about 0.7 mile east of Lowden Road (Ogle County). The bird was large enough to be an eagle, but its wingbeat was different from that of a Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). The beats were quicker and the flaps were stronger. A nearby Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) began dive-bombing this eagle. After obtaining scope views, I was able to note the telltale white areas in the mid-wing and upper tail, confirming it was a Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*).

The eagle continued to drift south, offering me a photo opportunity if I were to drive ahead of its projected flight path and wait for it. I raced in my car down Carthage Road (Lee County) and stopped at the Carpenter Prairie portion of Nachusa. Less than a minute after stopping, I relocated



the eagle in the sky. Little did I know I was about to witness one of the most thrilling experiences of my life.

Using my car roof as a makeshift tripod, I took a few photos of the Golden after which I noticed it was setting its wings and diving in my general direction as if it were going on a hunt (Figure 1).

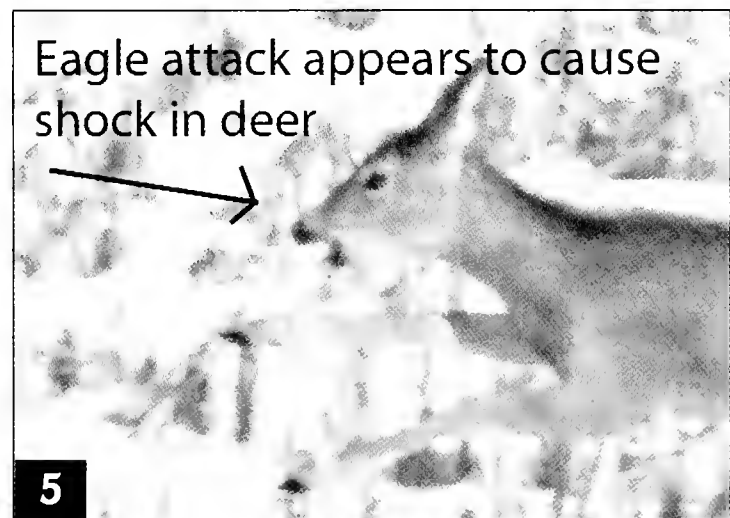
It was then I noticed a white-tailed deer sprinting across the open cornfield opposite the prairie. Was



this eagle just having some midday fun by practicing its dive-bombing hunting techniques or could it actually be considering this big game as its next meal? (Figure 2).

Despite deer having great speed in the open, it was clear this one was quickly losing ground to the diving eagle. I could hardly believe my eyes. Was this Golden Eagle actually attempting to kill an animal significantly larger than itself?

This eagle finally caught up to the deer and raked its backside with its two extended back talons, apparently trying to inflict a mortal injury (Figure 3). As the photo shows (Figure 4), the hit penetrated the skin and flesh of the deer, causing the deer to almost lose its balance and bringing it to a momentary complete halt. The facial expression on the deer appeared to be one of shock (Figure 5).





Figures 6 and 7 shows a once in a lifetime view of one of the largest raptors to be found in Illinois, in direct comparison with the largest mammal to be found in the state. Perhaps due to adrenaline released from the shock and pain of the attack, the white-tail gave a burst of speed in a different direction, kicking up snow (see Figure 8), then continuing its criss-cross escape method, likely saving its life since the eagle could not adjust quickly enough to this tactic (Figure 9). This action scene passed directly in front of me. The Golden Eagle was only 8 feet above ground when it entered the prairie.

The deer appeared to have escaped over the next ridge in the prairie. It was now about 11:35 am and I drove over to the Nachusa Grasslands visitor center parking where after 15 minutes I relocated the Golden hunting about 0.5 mile east. I was able to show the eagle to a few other birders present and as we watched, two Rough-legged Hawks (*Buteo lagopus*) began to dive-bomb the eagle. Despite Rough-leggeds having large wings, they seemed like specks in the sky compared with the Golden. The eagle meandered south, so I drove that way, soon coming across a flock of 32 Wild Turkeys, the majority of which were running for cover into the nearby woodland as the eagle arrived. Perhaps my presence saved these turkeys since they were adjacent to my car.

The Golden Eagle was last seen at 1:11 p.m., circling and gaining altitude as it headed east toward Carthage, north of Flagg Road (Ogle County).

Golden Eagle attack methods have been described by observers. Generally, the eagle dive-bombs from a high altitude, reaching speeds mammals cannot outrace. Upon reaching its prey, the eagle will drop its two large hind-claws into the lower back or hind-quarters of the mam-

mal, hoping to fly away with its prey or cause it to crash to the ground. These claws cause severe lacerations, pain and bloodshed. The eagle will continue tearing at the prey with its claws as well as its beak, while beating the sides of the prey with its massive wings (Bent 1961).

One quote perhaps speaks for the former belief of the majority of ornithologists and birders, "Golden Eagles attacking (white-tailed) deer are quite rare. I have never run into anyone who has witnessed the event. We even considered it a myth for years." (Richard Stevens, director of the Colorado Birding Society, pers. comm.) This is an understandable position, since Golden Eagles average weight is 10-12 pounds while female white-tailed deer average 155 pounds, about 13 times the weight of the eagle.

At nest sites, Golden Eagle food preferences were documented as 79 to 84 percent mammals, mostly rabbit-sized or smaller (Sorensen 2008 et al. and Olendorff 1976) with a higher mammal percentage during the fall-winter season (Bent 1961). Larger prey items documented as Golden Eagle kills include goats and their kids, mountain sheep lambs, roe deer calves, pronghorn antelope and black-tailed deer (Bent 1961).

At Maryland's Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on 20 January 2008, a 1.5-year-old Golden Eagle dove into a group of sika deer (which are smaller than white-tails), causing them to scatter over the corn stubble field. It chased one, which escaped by going into a grove of trees (Greg Inskip, pers. comm.).

One satellite-collared Golden Eagle spent 10 days feeding on a deer carcass in western Wisconsin's Pepin County. Formerly it was considered to be leftover from the hunting season, but the long stay at this carcass and



the documented Nachusa deer attack combine to suggest the Wisconsin carcass was actually a Golden Eagle kill (Robert Russell of US Fish and Wildlife Service-Division of Migratory Birds, pers. comm.).

A couple documented European and American reports of Golden Eagle attacks on brown bears were recently summarized (Sorensen et al. 2008), including one incident where a Golden captured and carried away the smallest of three cubs before the mother bear could react. The eagle carried this vocalizing cub up the mountainside until they were lost from view in the clouds near the mountaintop.

Despite the documented kills of an amazing variety of larger mammals by the Golden Eagle, none are as big or as heavy as the white-tailed deer. The killing of a four-point antlered white-tailed deer in Arizona in 1916 (Bent 1961) and the remains of the deer species at a Golden Eagle nest (Eakle et al. 1986) likely represent two of the only known confirmed killings of this large deer species by a Golden Eagle.

I initially thought the eagle at Nachusa was a severely hungry immature trying to go beyond its capabilities. But upon examination of the photos, I realized the bird was most likely a 2.5-year-old bird in its third winter. The diminished white in its underwing, little remaining white on upperwing, golden nape feathering and lack of a dark edge along tail tip, among other markings, confirm this age (Jonsson 1993). Typically it takes a Golden Eagle about six to seven years to reach full adult plumage. The eagle I saw was likely an experienced hunter pursuing prey it believed it had a chance to kill.

The late December Christmas Bird Count 2009/2010 season, which covers the Nachusa Grasslands and surrounding areas, recorded a number of raptors hunting here, indicating sufficient prey items available. By the time of this eagle attack episode, many of these same raptor

species found on the CBC had nearly doubled in number (and in the case of Rough-legged Hawk, the 15 found on this day were more than double the CBC count tally). Ample small mammal prey would have been present in December, but for the site to host such a raptor number increase by February, there must have been a spike of small mammal births.

Measuring out the boundaries of the December and February sightings, it became clear this eagle was hunting in at least a 13-square-mile area (near Ogle County Flagg Road on the north, Lee County's Hoosier Road to the east, Franklin Creek Natural Area on the south and nearly two miles west of Nachusa Grasslands). With plenty of other nearby appropriate habitat, it's conceivable this eagle's winter territory was up to 20 square miles!

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Rat predation by a Black-crowned Night-Heron

By Dennis A. Meritt, Jr.

The Illinois state-endangered Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) uses a range of freshwater habitats and is primarily nocturnal outside of the nesting season. As with other members of the heron family, primary foods include appropriately sized aquatic animals including crayfish, insects, mussels, fish and frogs (Baughman 2003; Levenson 2005; Sibley 2001). Most authors consider Black-crowned Night-Herons as generalists and opportunists. Mlodinow (1984) reports this species present in the Chicago area from late March through the end of September. De Vore et al. (2000) identifies sites within the region where this heron may be observed. Breeding is reported from late April through June (Fisher et al. 1998).

Bohlen (1989) lists habitat destruction and hunting as reasons for decline in Illinois. On a broader scale, Kaufman (1996) also identifies habitat loss and includes water pollution. Levenson (2005) said the absence of large tracts of wetlands as well as prolonged flooding of regional rivers as having negative impacts on this heron.

Black-crowned Night-Herons have used the area of the Caldwell Lily Pool located at Cannon and Fullerton Drive in Lincoln Park on an intermittent basis since 1967 and probably much earlier. Records indicate that use is more intensive post-fledging than pre-nesting. Occasional nesting attempts have been made (most recently in May of 2010) but the site has not been favored by this species except as a day roost before and after the breeding season (Meritt pers. obs., Murley unpublished obs.)



Black-crowned Night-Heron photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

A first summer Black-crowned Night-Heron landed on a limestone shelf on the west side of the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool at approximately 0900 hours on 31 May 2005. The heron was observed by DePaul University avian biology students. The bird was at the water's edge some 18 inches above the surface. This area of the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool is a favored refuge site for resident bullfrogs (*Rana catesbeiana*) and a sunning area for various sized red-eared slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) and painted turtles (*Chrysemys picta*). Among the fish present were carp and a bass species as well as minnows.

The heron faced the water's edge and remained largely immobile with only slight adjustments to body position for almost 30 minutes. It was undisturbed by observers on the opposite side of the Lily Pool. It was apparent that the heron was searching for food from this perch.

A young adult Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) appeared between pieces

of limestone adjacent to the heron's perch. Almost immediately and with one fluid motion, the heron reached out and down, grabbing the rat by the neck. The heron began hitting it against the edge of the limestone outcropping and within two to three minutes the rat was motionless and the heron attempted to swallow it. After several unsuccessful attempts, head first then tail first, manipulating the carcass without dropping it, the heron held the rat by the tail and repeatedly dunked it in the pond.

After several dunks, the carcass was soaking wet and dripping with water. The heron returned to its rock perch turned the carcass around and began to swallow it head first. Once the body was swallowed a 2- to 4-inch length of the tail tip remained hanging outside the left side of the heron's bill. The heron remained in place, bill slightly ajar making swallowing movements. After approximately 15 minutes the tail disappeared; the heron closed its bill and remained

perched eyes partially closed. A few minutes later, a group of visitors unknowingly disturbed the heron and it flew off along the lake front.

In this case of predation and opportunistic feeding, an immature Black-crowned Night-Heron successfully captured, killed and swallowed a Norway rat with a head – body length of 7 – 10 inches (178 – 254 mm); a tail length of 4 – 7 inches (102 – 178 mm) and an estimated weight of from 7 to 10 ounces (198 – 283 gm). These measurements fall within the published normal range for young adults of this species (Kays and Wilson 2009). Kaufman (1996) specifically mentions rodents as a food item as well as foraging by standing still at water's edge. This is referred to as "still hunting" by Griggs (1997).

Remarkably this event and subsequent observations occurred during daylight hours in a heavily trafficked public area in full view of more than 20 people from a distance of less than 50 feet.

Author's Footnote:

The recent renovation of the South Pond in Lincoln Park and associated island stabilization holds promise for

providing a protected location for this species to breed and rear young as evidenced by the heron's occupation and nesting in this refuge during 2009 and 2010.

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The 2009/2010 Illinois Christmas Bird Count

By Paul Sweet

The 2009/2010 Illinois CBC season produced cold temperatures for most of the period. Fourteen counts reported highs below 20 degrees, with four counts only in the single digits. Twenty-five counts reached the freezing mark, but only five hit 40 degrees, with only Cypress Creek surpassing the 50 degree mark. In contrast, the previous CBC season included 14 counts with highs of more than 50 degrees.

Sixty-three counts reported this year, with 1,038 observers totaling 3,175 party-hours. Feeder watchers were down slightly from last year, with 252 observers putting in 664 hours. As usual, Fermilab led the field in observers, with 108, and Waukegan had the most feeder watchers with 63. All of this effort produced sightings of 173 species, with two more species recorded during the count period. Union County reported 107 species, and two other counts reported at least 100 species.

A lingering Caspian Tern at Calumet City and a well-described Eastern Kingbird are new to the state. In odd contrast to the cold weather this season, late fall migrants were the most notable, with 33 species of waterfowl and seven species of warblers among them.

Ducks through Herons

Canada Goose and Snow Goose numbers were 30 percent and 40 percent below last year's numbers, respectively, while Greater White-fronted and Cackling Geese were 40 percent and 1855 percent above last year's totals. Trumpeter Swans were only reported on nine counts, for a total of 71. Five of these counts were along the Mississippi River. The 31 seen in Union County represented a new state high. Twenty-two Tundra Swans were reported on five counts. Ducks showed a pattern similar to geese – for example, Canvasback showed an 85 percent decrease, while Ring-necked Ducks increased by 85 percent. Four Blue-winged Teal were reported on three counts.

Harlequin Ducks were reported at Calumet City and Chicago Lakefront. A count week Surf Scoter was at



A Carolina Wren perches at a suet feeder in Mundelein, Lake County in December 2009. This bird was documented on the 2009/2010 Illinois Christmas Bird Count. Photo by Mike Trahan.

Carlyle Lake, two more were seen at Princeton-Comanche on count day, a count week Black Scoter was at Chicago Lakefront, and a count day Black Scoter was at Waukegan. Clinton, Iowa had five White-winged Scoters. Long-tailed Ducks appear to have disappeared from Lake Michigan – of seven reported, three were at Carlyle, two at Van Petten, and two at Davenport. Collinsville reported one count week – again away from Lake Michigan. A Barrow's Goldeneye at Peoria was the first reported in more than 40 years. The 2,954 Red-breasted Merganser at Evanston represented a new state high.

Ring-necked Pheasant were reported on 29 counts, but only 195 were spotted, a 35 percent drop from last season's already low total. Newton reported 74 Greater Prairie-Chickens, similar to last year's 77. Northern Bobwhite and Wild Turkey numbers were typical. For the third year in a row, Gray Partridge went unrecorded.

Four Common Loons were recorded on two counts. Red-throated Loon was not recorded this year. Jackson

County had two Red-necked Grebes, while Rend Lake had an Eared Grebe. Crab Orchard had an impressive 90 Pied-billed Grebes. American White Pelicans were only reported on 3 counts, while Double-crested Cormorants were reported on 14. An American Bittern was photographed at Meredosia (see Field Notes for photo), while Springfield had the only Great Egret. Black-crowned Night-Herons were reported on four counts, with the one at Muscatine the only one not in the Chicago area.

Raptors through Terns

Turkey Vulture numbers were closer to normal this year, while Black Vultures were 600 percent above last year's totals. The 206 reported at Cypress Creek represented a state high, while a count week individual at Starved Rock was later captured on the verge of starvation by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. An Osprey was documented at Rend Lake. Fifty-seven counts reported Bald Eagle—a new record—although the total number was 50 percent below last year's total. The 49 Red-shouldered Hawks at Union County represented a new state high. Golden Eagles were reported on two counts, Union County and a count week bird at White Pines. Merlin were reported on 10 counts, Peregrine Falcon on 11.

Union County reported the only Virginia Rail, as well as two King Rails, only the state's 4th report and a new high. Sixty-four Sandhill Cranes were reported on four counts, with the eight seen at Cypress Creek well off of the normal migration route.

Six species of shorebirds were reported this year, including 17 Least Sandpipers on four counts, a count-week Purple Sandpiper at Chicago Lakefront, and two Dunlin at Newton. Although American Woodcock has become an expected species on Southern Illinois counts, the 30 seen at Warbluff Valley represented a new state high. Seven species of gulls were reported this year, including 11 Thayer's on three counts, three Lesser Black-backed on three counts, six Glaucous on three counts, and eight Great Black-backed on two counts. Glaucous and Lesser Black-backed were the only notable gulls seen away from Chicago. A Caspian Tern lingered at Calumet City until count day, Illinois's first CBC record.

Doves through Owls

Eurasian Collared Doves were reported on 35 counts this season, reflecting their spread throughout the state. The 87 seen at Newton represented a new record. Monk Parakeets were reported from four counts this year. Six Barn Owls were reported on three southern counts this year. The four reported at Carlyle appears to be a new state high. No Snowy Owls were reported. One-hundred eight Short-eared Owls were reported on 17 counts, while 36 Long-eared Owls were reported on 15 counts. Six counts reported singleton Northern Saw-whet Owls, with one more count-week bird.

Flycatchers through Warblers

Twelve counts reported Eastern Phoebes, although the total seen was well below last year's total. An Eastern Kingbird was well described at Bird Haven to add another species to the state list. Fifteen Loggerhead Shrikes were reported on five counts. Northern Shrikes were present in typical numbers – 21 birds on 12 counts. Nearly 283,000 American Crows were reported this year. The 119 Brown Creepers at Fermilab was a new state high. Five species of wrens were reported, with House Wren on seven counts, Sedge Wren on two, and Marsh Wren on four. The 344 Winter Wrens at Cypress Creek represented a new state high, as did the three Sedge Wrens at Newton.

Hermit Thrush numbers were down from last year, but the 394 Eastern Bluebirds at Union County represent a new state high. Four Gray Catbirds and 66 Brown Thrashers were reported. Although well below the record from two seasons ago, this season's 254 American Pipits were spread across a record 15 count circles, including several northern ones. Orange-crowned Warblers were reported on three counts, while a Pine Warbler at Shelbyville was the only one. Palm Warblers were at Fermilab and Crab Orchard, lone Ovenbirds were at Jackson County and Chicago Urban, solitary Common Yellowthroats were at Clinton Lake and Rend Lake, and a Northern Waterthrush was at Hennepin.

Sparrows through Weaver Finches

Lisle Arboretum reported the only Spotted Towhee. Twenty-six Chipping Sparrows were reported from nine counts, several of them photographed. Lone Vesper Sparrows were at Crane Lake and Bloomington. A Lincoln's Sparrow was at Pere Marquette, while Harris's Sparrows were at Springfield and Union County. Indigo Buntings were at Meredosia and Fermilab.

Western Meadowlarks were reported at Mermet Lake and count week at Eastern Knox County. Rusty Blackbirds showed a 138 percent increase from last year, but all of the other common blackbirds were down. Forty-five counts reported Purple Finch, for a total of 480, while 11 counts reported a total of 77 Pine Siskins. Thorn Creek had 14 Common Redpolls, the only ones reported. Clinton, Iowa had the only White-winged Crossbill (on the Illinois side of the river). Evening Grosbeak, Pine Grosbeak, and Red Crossbill were not reported this year. Eurasian Tree Sparrows were reported on 19 counts this year.

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Table 1: Count circles, abbreviations, weather and effort, and compilers for the 2009/2010 Christmas Bird Count in Illinois.

	Date	Temp low	Temp high	sky	Rain/ Snow	snow cover	water	wind direction	wind low	wind high	field observ	feeder observ	feeder hours	parties	party hours	party miles	owling hours	owling miles	compiler
Andalusia	1/4/2010	-5	9	clr/peld	n/n	3	f/po	nw	5	15	7	0	0	29.75	329.5	4.5	35	Kelly McKay	
Barrington	12/14/2009	33	38	fog/cld	l/n	5	f/o	nw	0	4	31	5	6.5	75.75	275.1	1.75	0.5	Duane Heaton	
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	12/26/2009	20	28	cld/cld	l/n	4	f/o	nw	5	15	36	12	22	68	328	0	0	Bob Harrison	
Chicago (urban)	12/20/2009	25	31	cld/cld	n/n	3	f/o	s	3	10	23	5	5	85	85	2.5	4	Jeff Sanders	
Chicago Lakefront	12/25/2009	35	42	un/un	h/h	0	pf/o	se	10	17	10	0	0	15	48.5	0	0	Joel Greenberg	
Clinton-Savanna	12/21/2009	28	34	cld/cld	n/n	5	pf/f	se	0	5	7	4	8	26	226	4	47	Kelly McKay	
Davenport	12/20/2009	26	35	cld/cld	n/n	3	f/pf	ne	0	5	15	15	30	56.5	413	6	63	Kelly McKay	
DeKalb	12/19/2009	28	31	cld/cld	n/n	3	f/pf	unk	5	15	11	4	3.5	108.25	320.5	3.75	35	Mike Andrews	
Evanson (north shore)	12/26/2009	4	28	cld/cld	h/h	8	f/po	unk	0	0	29	4	3.5	185.25	758.5	2.25	21	Tim Wallace	
Fermilab-Batavia	12/19/2009	15	30	peld/peld	n/l	3	f/o	w	2	10	108	4	8	37	443.25	4.75	61	Jeff Chapman	
Freeport	12/19/2009	17	36	cld/cld	n/l	8	po/pf	e	15	25	18	6	23	34	366.5	3.5	41	Anne Straight	
Illini S.P.	1/1/2010	11	11	cld/peld	n/n	6	f/pf	unk	7	15	11	5	28	42	213	3	1	Jim Hampson	
Joliet	12/26/2009	23	28	cld/cld	h/h	4	f/po	s	10	22	15	3	16	7	42	213	3	1	Gregory Bluhm
Kankakee Valley	12/20/10	3	9	clr/cir	n/n	5	f/po	nw	0	15	10	4	7	51	430.5	2.5	10.7	Jed Hertz	
Kishwaukee	12/27/2009	13	19	cld/pelr	l/n	10	f/pf	w	0	20	24	6	12	81.75	642.5	2	20	Barbara Williams	
Liste Arboretum	12/20/2009	28	31	cld/cld	n/l	1.5	f/o	var	3	8	67	10	23	181.25	427.15	11	24	Geoffrey Williamson	
Mchenry County	12/19/2009	20	28	cld/cld	n/n	6	f/o	nw	5	8	34	0	0	15	624.25	0	0	Rob Gough	
Morris-Wilmington	12/20/10	7	7	clr/cir	n/n	3	f/po	nw	5	19	9	3	2	35.5	318.9	1.5	0	William Morris	
Muscatine	12/26/2009	21	27	cld/cld	h/l	7	o/f	se	5	15	13	9	18	41.75	374.75	5.25	51	Kelly McKay	
Princeton-Camanche	12/23/2009	30	33	cld/cld	l/l	4	o/f	e	20	30	10	1	2	28	285.5	5.25	57	Kelly McKay	
Rock Cut S.P.	1/3/2010	-5	15	pelr/pelr	n/n	12	f/po	unk	0	0	10	0	0	18.75	189.4	0	0	Eddie Callaway	
Rockford	12/19/2009	28	31	cld/cld	n/n	6	f/o	nw	0	15	33	12	21.5	111.75	667	5.5	53	Dan Williams	
Schapville	12/15/2009	1	10	clr/cir	n/n	12	po/pf	n	2	15	23	1	2	26.75	279.75	0.5	0	Terrence N. Ingram	
Starved Rock S.P.	12/27/2009	19	20	cld/peld	h/n	7	f/pf	w	0	12	15	2	4.5	51.75	406	2.25	27	John McKee	
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	12/20/10	-2	15	clr/cir	n/n	4	f/po	nw	0	5	36	21	38.5	87.25	564.5	1.75	3	Bob Harrison	
Van Patten	12/24/2009	35	38	cld/cld	l/h	4	o/f	e	20	30	8	1	2	23.75	230.75	3.5	35	Kelly McKay	
Waukegan	40179	3	18	clr/peld	n/l	7	f/po	n	5	10	26	63	269	79	371	4	26	Joel Greenberg	
White Pines S.P.	12/20/2009	21	28	cld/peld	n/n	4	f/pf	sw	5	7	8	0	0	36.25	321	3	28.5	Eric Walters	
Bloomington-Normal	12/19/2009	28	29	cld/cld	l/l	1	po/o	nw	5	10	16	0	0	42	219	0	0	Dale Birkenholz	
Bushnell	12/19/2009	26	32	cld/cld	n/n	1	f/o	nw	5	15	5	0	0	25.75	239.5	0	0	Larry L. Hood	
Champaign County	12/19/2009	29	33	cld/peld	n/n	0.1	pf/o	nw	10	20	28	4	3	44.5	237	2	2	Helen Parker	
Chautauqua N.W.R.	12/26/2009	23	26	cld/cld	h/l	4	pf/o	se	10	30	10	1	2	37.5	274	0.25	1	Richard Bjorklund	
Clinton Lake	12/20/2009	27	29	peld/peld	l/l	16	po/po	w	7.6	15	9	1	1	37.75	194	2	2.5	Rhetta Jack	
Coles-Cumberland	12/19/2009	30	35	cld/cld	l/n	1	po/o	unk	0	3	24	2	6	44.75	155.75	0	0	Laurence Thorsen	
Crane Lake-Sangamon	12/19/2009	29	31	cld/cld	n/n	1	po/un	nw	0	0	13	7	16	39	85.5	0	0	Robert Randall	
Decatur	12/19/2009	31	31	cld/cld	l/n	1	po/un	unk	0	0	13	0	0	40.5	361.5	0	0	Norm Jensen	
Eastern Knox County	12/14/2009	24	40	lfog/cld	n/n	2	po/po	sw	5	20	9	0	0	48.5	376.7	7	57.4	Jim Mounjoy	
Elsah	12/20/10	3	10	clr/peld	n/n	3	f/po	nw	3	10	11	2	3	16.25	72.2	0	0	Mary Jane Hoff	
Forest Glen Preserve	12/23/2009	36	37	cld/cld	l/l	0	o/o	e	10	15	10	1	1.5	49.5	264.1	0	0	James Smith	
Hennepin	12/19/2009	27	29	cld/cld	n/n	3	f/o	nw	11	16	6	0	0	26	255.75	2.75	25	John McKee	
Mercedosa Island	12/14/2009	32	49	fog/pelr	n/n	0	po/o	sw	0	5	13	0	0	33	385.75	0	0	Tony Ward	
Middle Fork River Valley	12/16/2009	10	30	clr/peld	n/n	0	f/pf	s	0	8	13	0	0	62.25	412	5.5	20	Steven Bailey	
Peoria	12/16/2009	10	14	un/un	h/l	2	f/po	unk	5	12	14	3	16	57.5	414.65	0	0	Thad Edmonds	
Quincy	12/19/2009	28	30	cld/cld	n/n	2	pf/pf	nw	5	12	11	23	32.25	36.25	354.6	0.75	15	Ken Heinze	
Rushville	12/20/10	-2	9	clr/cir	n/n	3	po/un	nw	7	15	4	5	6	4.5	20	0.5	0	Harold Hedden	
Shelbyville Reservoir	12/20/10	1	12	clr/cir	n/n	1.5	po/pf	nw	5	10	12	0	0	55.5	476.5	4	67	Travis Mahan	
Springfield	1/3/2010	-4	12	clr/cir	n/n	1	f/pf	nw	6	13	16	7	14	65.5	391	3	28	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer County	12/30/2009	28	36	cld/cld	l/l	6	po/o	se	5	15	8	0	0	43	337.75	7	63	Kelly McKay	
Baldwin Lake-Kaskaskia River Valley	12/19/2009	28	35	cld/cld	l/n	0.5	pf/o	w	10	18	9	3	6	27.5	242.2	0.75	0.06	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanctuary, Olney	12/19/2009	32	34	cld/cld	l/l	1.5	pf/o	nw	5	15	13	0	0	61.5	536	2	15	Frank Stormont	
Carlyle Lake	12/14/2009	28	37	peld/peld	n/n	0	o/o	nw	5	10	12	6	0	54.5	354	4.25	70	Dan Kassebaum	
Collinsville	12/19/2009	27	34	cld/cld	l/n	0	pf/o	nw	10	20	7	1	1	32.25	354.75	2	0	Frank Holmes	
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	12/20/2009	27	32	cld/cld	n/n	0	po/pf	unk	5	10	15	0	0	46	272	2	22	Vicki Lang	
Cypress Creek	12/14/2009	37	55	cld/peld	n/n	0	o/o	sw	5	24	20	1	2	75.75	365.5	1.5	2	Jeffrey Hoover	
Horseshoe Lake	12/28/2009	25	36	peld/peld	n/n	0	pf/o	e	0	5	15	0	0	72.5	353.25	3.75	0	Vernon Kleen	
Jackson County	1/1/2010	18	27	clr/peld	n/n	0	f/po	nw	6	11	14	1	2	77.75	493.45	8.5	23.25	Rhonda S. Rothrock	
Memmet Lake	12/31/2009	35	41	cld/cld	n/n	0	o/o	nw	3.5	10	10	0	0	44	338.5	0	0	Frank Bennett	
Monroe County	12/22/2009	27	39	fog/cld	n/l	0	po/pf	se	2	12	6	4	21	39	181	7	0	Carl Daubach	
Newton	12/21/2009	30	37	cld/cld	n/n	1	po/pf	sw	0	5	17	0	0	53.75	531.5	4.5	42	Jeff Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	12/19/2009	28	36	cld/cld	n/n	3	f/po	n	0	15	20	0	0	52.5	273	2	0	Jerry Ingles	
Rend Lake	12/19/2009	31	35	cld/cld	l/l	0	o/o	nw	10	15	12	0	0	54	365	5.5	78	Keth McMullen	
Union County	12/29/2009	26	39	peld/peld	n/n	0	o/o	e	3	8	22	0	0	92.5	418.75	3.75	0	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley Sanctuary	1/2/2010	11	24	clr/cir	n/n	0	pf/pf	n	0	5	9	3	6	34	232.95	1	0.5	Andrea Douglas	

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	ANOA	BARR	CALU	CHLK	CHIU	CLIA	OAIA	OEA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LSL	MCH	MOWI	MUIA	PCIA	RCSF	ROCK	SCHA	SRSF	TCRF	WALK	WTPN	VPET
Caspian Tern	36	114	538	1600	51	80	370	161	44	299	181	94	164	690	704	880	209	33	14	147	149	462	70	63	526	132	213	557
Rock Pigeon																												
Ringed Turtle Dove																												
Eurasian Collared Dove	84	161	203	113	1	114	182	172	219	700	302	76	103	254	341	808	150	51	296	130	118	760	70	106	509	410	112	183
Mourning Dove																												
Monk Parakeet																												
Eastern Screech Owl	6	3	8	8	8	8	3	7	8	12	1	2	7	3	1	22	1	6	2	3		4	CW		1	13	1	5
Great Horned Owl	4	4	2	5	8	8	15	6	8	21	1	3	7	4	5	23	7	9	5		8	3	1	6	11	4	6	
Barred Owl	3	1	1	1	7	12	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	13	5		5	CW	2	1	3	3		
Long eared Owl	8		1	1	1	2	1	1	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	CW	1	1		CW		2	3				
Short eared Owl																												
Northern Saw whet Owl																												
Belted Kingfisher	1	5	3	5	1	1	4	3	5	11	1	2	2	2	4	9	4	2	2	2		4	4	1	3	5	1	
Red headed Woodpecker	6	39	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	133	31	32	13	41	102	193	35	15	62	54	15	136	55	57	45	6	7	
Red bellied Woodpecker	51	39	12	51	54	86	33	70	70	133	31	32	13	41	102	193	35	15	62	54	15	136	55	57	45	6	7	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2																											
Downy Woodpecker	54	99	49	153	2	77	136	68	135	321	59	49	56	73	187	265	63	43	91	30	37	244	36	62	117	167	81	25
Hairy Woodpecker	13	22	9	42	19	19	17	3	43	60	8	8	7	7	27	72	12	6	34	7	7	44	9	8	19	58	18	6
Northern Flicker	6	13	2	2	10	12	CW	2	2	5	1	8	3	9	9	24	3	5	8	8	1	24	2	2	6	9	3	2
Pileated Woodpecker	4																											
Eastern Phoebe																												
Northern Shrike	1	2																										
Blue Jay	123	96	54	39	166	165	68	133	158	61	55	24	63	183	580	150	22	143	115	37	252	109	127	129	280	116	85	
American Crow	60	150	41	142	39	89	86	192	56	159	212	59	50	329	3463	161	467	88	95	22	92	1153	448	333	103	182	218	239
Horned Lark	128	6	82	130	71	58	130	82	592	146	592	146	269	441	551	36	36	62	668	274	25	358	243	419	181	97	318	
Black-capped Chickadee	135	234	57	293	6	303	409	137	325	973	87	108	61	41	365	709	292	81	181	101	142	682	135	92	191	580	271	74
Tufted Titmouse	22																											
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	9	9	4	1	152	5	20	25	1	1	2	5	6	11	15	80	12	84	34	37	272	54	40	84	165	145	20
White-breasted Nuthatch	55	65	20	71	1	125	26	53	79	199	50	40	22	33	149	276	80	12	84	34	37	272	54	40	84	165	145	20
Brown Creeper	6	18	4	28	1	13	7	3	16	119	5	13	18	8	62	26	5	14	10	5	8	63	CW	18	4	13	19	3
Carolina Wren	3	1	1	1	3	3	8	4	3	3	3	3	2	6	1	3	3	12	2									
Winter Wren	2	1	1	1	1	1	8		9	6	2	2	2	2	6	3	1	2	1									
Golden-crowned Kinglet																												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet																												
Eastern Bluebird	25	13																										
Hermit Thrush	2																											
American Robin	4	322	42	228	4	2	18	CW	1065	282	3	37	57	21	929	114	5	2	2	12	12	CW	6	10	1603	1	4	
Gray Catbird																												
Northern Mockingbird																												
Brown Thrasher																												
European Starling	316	1440	1138	2700	368	913	2091	1869	1333	4300	1701	390	508	3128	902	4449	1045	565	943	337	576	2057	789	1770	1289	1327	2013	694
American Pipit	37	171	1	21	1	90	10	CW	234	320	71	22	31	1	362	646	114	18	20	65	25	105	5	CW	206	6		5
Cedar Waxwing																												
Orange-crowned Warbler																												
Yellow rumped Warbler	2																											
Palm Warbler																												
Ovenbird																												
Spotted Towhee																												
Eastern Towhee	1																											
American Tree Sparrow	269	925	129	39	5	179	138	260	125	916	50	239	256	894	262	552	206	247	287	71	92	702	142	423	562	468	210	331
Chipping Sparrow																												
Field Sparrow																												
Savannah Sparrow																												
Fox Sparrow	1	12	5	6	2	2	2	26	20	20	2	3	2	2	3	27	6	1	2	2	8	5	6	3	7	2	1	
Song Sparrow	14	20	13	2	18	28	1	5	37	9	8	12	28	6	20	6	15	11	4	4	60	2	9	32	2	6	7	
Swamp Sparrow	4	4	1	1	3	4	2	38	1	38	1	3	3	3	13	2	2	4	9	1	9	9	1	1	3	3		
White-throated Sparrow	20	48	13	31	1	2	49	1	30	75	1	8	29	5	70	17	9	9	1	1	1	9	CW	59	7	14	20	
White-crowned Sparrow	61																											
Dark eyed Junco	695	290	218	265	1	355	580	420	342	833	698	453	159	674	750	428	461	235	487	440	154	1853	1474	401	497	499	386	
Dark eyed (Oregon) Junco																												
Lupland Longspur	14																											
Snow Bunting																												
Northern Cardinal	212	248	124																									

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	ANOA	BARR	CALU	CHLK	CHIU	CLIA	DAIA	DEKA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LISL	MCHE	MDWI	MUIA	PCIA	RCSP	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPE	WALK	WTPN	VPET	
Rusty Blackbird	2	2	7			3	184	1	1			9		2				1		2		4		2					
Common Grackle		18	119	CW		277	403	50	1	1	1	1427		13	1	1	3	3	1	2		4		2294	57	2			
Brown-headed Cowbird												541		497	5		3	110	1	1		112	CW	1869	32	7	183		
Purple Finch	17		2			38	6	1			5	1000		6	1	2			4	2	3	25	13	8000	8		1	20	
House Finch	42	97	150	59		23	88	156	113	306	63	108	46	143	265	188	60	48	57	15	45	462	38	78	195	259	83	29	
White-winged Crossbill						1																							
Common Redpoll																									14				
Pine Siskin																									3	3			
American Goldfinch	73	141	185	148	2	52	175	115	347	520	88	101	82	113	171	480	180	24	113	46	49	661	31	35	333	297	99	39	
House Sparrow	376	784	920	1500	6	333	908	534	759	706	828	152	183	1142	951	907	682	274	720	303	598	1785	434	458	622	943	714	106	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	56						4												252	7									
TOTAL	3770	12969	10551	11617	3374	5146	14682	6724	12963	52157	7288	12770	33980	12247	13090	31961	9339	6043	7007	3870	3635	16481	4801	22716	7219	17329	6476	4336	
SPECIES	57	61	74	73	41	70	77	47	61	78	46	69	58	68	59	88	61	64	69	63	42	66	40	61	53	71	59	57	



American Pipit, Columbus Park, Chicago, Cook County, 11 December 2009.
 Photo by Eric Gyllenhaal. American Pipits were documented on several
 Chicago-area 2009/2010 Christmas Bird Counts, including Chicago Urban,
 Chicago Lakefront and Calumet City-Sand Ridge.

Table 3: Count data for Central Illinois
 (defined as circles centered between I-70 and I-80)

	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CLK	COCU	CRLK	DECA	EKCO	ELSA	FGPR	HENN	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SHEL	SPFD	WMER
Greater White-fronted Goose	24			722			369						415	67	8			11	100	
Snow Goose			1	30									CW	1						1
Ross's Goose									1											
Cackling Goose	2983	11	50	68	22	CW	5		395				8	15	140			35	100	
Canada Goose	5859	739	3550	3591	1582	130	2462	495	5716	10	228	1144	1242	2769	2233	2408	52	9875	5080	1050
Mute Swan	2		2	13									2	4				1	15	
Trumpeter Swan							22		CW			2								
Tundra Swan				3			14				1			1						
Wood Duck				7				2	CW				5	8		1				8
Gadwall				9	25	1							87	CW	12					150
American Wigeon						CW							3							
American Black Duck	10		7	7	29	CW	8	1	1				34	11				2	15	
Mallard	612	1	365	105	1207		623	305	64	12	6	8	12105	525	605	195		67	810	6
Blue-winged Teal													2			1				
Northern Shoveler	1		1	13									12							45
Northern Pintail			3		3		1						19							CW
Green-winged Teal					60								75	5						1
Canvasback							22		3				24		3					20
Redhead	3						6	2					10					1	1	
Ring-necked Duck	2				1	CW	352		1				163	1	1					13
Greater Scaup							12		1				3					18	4	
Lesser Scaup					3		70		CW				239		2			3	10	
Bufflehead	1			3			4		1				15		3					37
Common Goldeneye	3		CW	145	2	3	55	244	15				9	3	675			549	350	
Barrow's Goldeneye															1					
Hooded Merganser			1	9	67		2		CW				33	9	4					48
Common Merganser				324		1	11		16				1	1	101	35		4	150	141
Red-breasted Merganser									CW				1					2	5	
Ruddy Duck	4			89			7		4				160					3	65	
Ring-necked Pheasant			52	6	8	5		1	1		1	2	1	4				19		4
Wild Turkey	6	1					46		30		36	5	9	3	66	1			7	125
Northern Bobwhite		CW		25		13	5		6		CW		20	2			11	1		7
Pied-billed Grebe				3	10			1	1				7	5	1					14
Horned Grebe					1															CW
American White Pelican						1							CW							
Double-crested Cormorant					1								101							
American Bittern													1							
Great Blue Heron	4	3	5	10	14	7	27	8	2	3	3	17	78	25	37	28	1	1	29	12
Great Egret																				1
Turkey Vulture						63		1						5						19
Bald Eagle	1	2		60	3	1	51	2	1	14	4	34	90	17	62	61		8	14	84
Northern Harrier	7	3	5	8	5	6	11	2	6	1	1	4	58	5	6	8		14	1	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1				1	4		1		1	2	4	1	1	3		3	2	3
Cooper's Hawk	4	CW		2	2	2	1		4		4	1	8	4	3	2		7	14	3
Red-shouldered Hawk			CW		1	1		1	5	1	3		1	1				2	CW	1
Red-tailed Hawk	24	15	27	31	34	31	30	7	39	12	22	51	37	60	41	41	5	38	38	31
Rough-legged Hawk	3	3		4	1	1	2		4			5	2	1	11			1		10
American Kestrel	20	15	13	9	11	11	16	10	12		7	7	31	14	30	38		7	16	14
Merlin																1		1		CW
Peregrine Falcon			1											1						
American Coot	11		1		6	2		4	1				181	1	3			2	79	
Killdeer		CW	1				3		1			1	13						1	1
Wilson's Snipe			1										2						2	
Bonaparte's Gull				1	4				3				3					1	CW	
Ring-billed Gull	5		CW	272	1021	6	19	1361	29	9	88	4	217	21	1205	793		1421	3245	9
Herring Gull	1			7	16	CW		130	1			1	2		24			14	150	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull								1											1	
Glaucous Gull																				CW
Rock Pigeon	85	78	481	18	5	36	45	88	84	27	76	64	34	111	822	156	9	75	418	286
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2	10		6	1	1	4						26	15		48		2	2	9
Mourning Dove	176	234	323	81	226	139	202	79	120	55	18	111	182	80	120	322	7	500	269	359
Eastern Screech-Owl	1		8		1				2		3	4	3	17				2	4	4
Great Horned Owl	3		1	1	7	3	2		5		3	4	1	2	1	3		4	15	4
Barred Owl		1	1	2	6	2	5	3	9	1	4	2	CW	4	3	1		8	1	12
Long-eared Owl			2				1							2						
Short-eared Owl					1						CW		2	2				1		
Northern Saw-whet Owl					1			1			CW									
Belted Kingfisher	4	1	3	5	6	4	3	2	3	1	3		10	8	3	2			4	4
Red-headed Woodpecker	7	1			2	12	6	5	4	2	23		21	21		6	3	9	8	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	43	14	39	46	39	61	45	21	34	43	53	51	56	67	48	69	9	83	85	64
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				1		1	2	1	1	4	1		3	4	5	4		2	4	1
Downy Woodpecker	54	14	38	44	46	66	54	23	46	33	37	65	32	69	70	90	15	60	67	72
Hairy Woodpecker	6	2	6	1	12	13	13	5	7	1	6	11	9	9	13	35	3	13	14	8
Northern Flicker	10	3	8	10	16	13	9	1	9	15	8	9	30	14	9	26	2	22	22	10

Table 3: Count data for Central Illinois *continued*
 (defined as circles centered between I-70 and I-80)

	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CLLK	COCU	CRLK	DECA	EKCO	ELSA	FGPR	HENN	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SHEL	SPFD	WMER
Pileated Woodpecker			2	4	1	2	7	1	1	7	8	5	18	14	9	2			8	13
Eastern Phoebe								1				1								
Northern Shrike	1						1		1											
Blue Jay	95	40	68	31	188	127	109	60	118	79	254	38	93	138	75	214	13	203	164	131
American Crow	1306	58	739	37	101	158	41	74	243	50	58970	200	140	207000	327	122	4	174	411	66
Horned Lark	163	421	34	930	71	17	356	10	29	16	6	52	15	28	102	371	3	261	116	153
Carolina Chickadee			13		1	88		1			52			73						
Black-capped Chickadee	108	27	2	54	71		93	32	152	65		168	111		216	101	12	136	79	170
Tufted Titmouse	33	12	11	81	17	72	63	20	46	140	82	57	68	83	84	60	14	89	75	34
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5		2	4	6	7	8	1	2	1	2		10		4		1	5	1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	50	9	24	29	44	47	49	13	48	37	37	71	45	84	55	67	6	69	54	87
Brown Creeper	14		4	4	6	2	7	4	1	1	1	10	20	11	8			7	16	9
Carolina Wren	10	3	25	13	18	22	27	5	5	20	18	8	74	27	14	19	1	33	34	6
House Wren													1			1				
Winter Wren			3				4		1			2		1	3			1	4	
Marsh Wren					1															
Golden-crowned Kinglet			4	18	10	1	14	1	3		3	4	28		2			2	5	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1						1						3						CW	
Eastern Bluebird	13	6	2	7	12	17	11		34	35	19	1	32	83		6		37	10	20
Hermit Thrush			2	1					2	1			3	3				1	1	2
American Robin	62		58	12	12	45	2	14	14	169	35	2	38	119	3	33		116	13	3
Gray Catbird								1					CW						CW	
Northern Mockingbird		1		4			8		1	3			4					1	4	
Brown Thrasher		1	1							8			1					3	1	
European Starling	1746	845	2916	935	544	927	792	747	2400	1543	2932	936	1263	888	1876	1175	3	1301	10850	1748
American Pipit				4								2		CW						
Cedar Waxwing	114		14	34	49		18		89			15		29	29	40		3		54
Orange-crowned Warbler																		1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler												1								2
Pine Warbler																		1		
Northern Waterthrush												1								
Common Yellowthroat					1															
Eastern Towhee		1							2	7	2		3							
American Tree Sparrow	260	108	235	535	526	240	625	2	275	28	76	597	232	202	68	69	10	686	224	1099
Chipping Sparrow							2													
Field Sparrow						3	3						1					2		
Vesper Sparrow	1						1													
Savannah Sparrow			8	1	6		32		2				9					8		
Le Conte's Sparrow													1							
Fox Sparrow	1	2	9	15		6	5	1	CW	3	2	4	10	6	1			3	4	5
Song Sparrow	6	11	44	17	38	22	28	3	9	13	1	14	88	19	19	1		42	40	54
Swamp Sparrow	10		11		18	5	4		1			8	22	13		34		5	1	13
White-throated Sparrow	5	5	23	11	7	18	18	3	7	132	3	36	137	63	26	15		88	35	13
Harris's Sparrow																			1	
White-crowned Sparrow			6		32	50		2	1	6		2	16	3	1	9		1	CW	
Dark-eyed Junco	311	359	394	570	322	395	624	117	451	369	138	510	275	329	380	617	58	650	571	728
Lapland Longspur	1143	526	5	104	1005		12		30			CW	13	200		320		213	1	213
Snow Bunting		1		40					10							1				62
Northern Cardinal	104	111	219	173	134	245	219	89	135	255	115	269	206	149	259	383	56	287	400	288
Indigo Bunting													1							
Red-winged Blackbird		1	95	314	47	1	154	26	11	15		42	174	CW		1		5	3030	37
Eastern Meadowlark				1	32	1			5				4	CW			1	1	2	
Western Meadowlark									CW											
Rusty Blackbird		2		22	12				2				5						6	1
Brewer's Blackbird	1																			
Common Grackle	2		2	2050	11	24			4	16	2	1	61	60		3		17	8085	30
Brown-headed Cowbird	19	75	72	200	381	1	5		605	8	1	28	7	19	2			3	5105	170
Purple Finch			2	6	3	3	2	6	3	4	10	5	4	45	3	71	10	6	3	63
House Finch	53	106	82	21	16	14	9	23	14	83	17	16	10	56	54	82	1	45	64	23
Pine Siskin														1		3				
American Goldfinch	41	24	87	80	78	87	63	37	69	105	41	59	65	113	124	229	56	126	114	88
House Sparrow	174	640	519	179	53	150	257	65	147	82	238	192	650	326	455	607	35	887	708	736
Eurasian Tree Sparrow		64		507			345		38	1		3	720		2	65	8		13	496
TOTAL	15833	4611	10748	12871	8351	3434	8669	4176	11687	3548	63705	4984	20810	214000	10574	9116	409	18411	41827	8960
SPECIES	64	48	66	78	77	62	80	59	80	50	53	62	101	76	65	56	29	81	89	66

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	8ALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	HSLK	JACK	MERM	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	UNION	WRBV
Greater White-fronted Goose	238		344		333	4209	3600	42		117	60	607	225	8000	
Snow Goose	19500		52630	1	4	7651	36000	1635	110	6	2	1430	5252	50000	90
Ross's Goose	2		19			1	25	4					2	14	
Cackling Goose			CW	13	21		90	22		9	30	5	51	42	
Canada Goose	547	379	88	801	1371	590	3000	1284	161	447	602	882	233	2000	138
Mute Swan	5			5											
Trumpeter Swan														31	
Wood Duck					6	9	12	3	1	CW			1	3	
Gadwall	169	1	79	457	601	141	700	65	2	CW	174		46	800	
American Wigeon	6		52	1	289	16	90				12	1	65	94	
American Black Duck	5		5		23	15	23				47	8	22	20	
Mallard	161	111	1008	559	1197	3645	7000	153	1	148	1502	23743	2669	5000	
Northern Shoveler	18		658	18	28	237	113		15	98		20		84	
Northern Pintail	6	12	1312		30	175	23				35	21	317	10	
Green-winged Teal	1				162	231	3				121		58	29	
Canvasback			68	6	5	6	1	1		CW	8	5	4	200	
Redhead			33								1		2	9	
Ring-necked Duck	6	3	305	35	370	1363	320	1		2	101	23	35	1500	
Greater Scaup		3	46	CW							4		10		
Lesser Scaup	6	1	73	2	4	8	5	1	15	9	18	2	6	600	7
scaup sp.		1	2												
Surf Scoter			CW												
Long-tailed Duck			3	CW											
Bufflehead	13	3	36	3	37	5	1	2			22	1	16		
Common Goldeneye	10	8	743	56	31		1	2	7		30	63	2372	6	
Hooded Merganser	22	5	135	5	58	16	30	86			30	11	21	45	
Common Merganser	4		6	CW	31	1			1		2	9			
Red-breasted Merganser			45		1			1					1		
Ruddy Duck	8	110	108	105	111		5	21	14		1	138	45	600	
Ring-necked Pheasant			1										5		
Greater Prairie-Chicken											74				
Wild Turkey	3	38	6	15	168	35	39	4	22	22	31	21	79	10	73
Northern Bobwhite	53	16	21		7	24		1	1	13	27	3			9
Common Loon			2										2		
Pied-billed Grebe	12	12	7	2	90	1	2	13			23		16	2	
Horned Grebe	43	2	6		13					1	2				
Red-necked Grebe								2							
Eared Grebe													1		
American White Pelican												64			
Double-crested Cormorant	3		19	CW	5								354		
Great Blue Heron	20	14	25	10	37	21	32	26	26	28	15	46	39	63	7
Black Vulture						206	2	15	67					9	16
Turkey Vulture	CW	42	24		3	204	20	12	77	2	28	3		28	25
Osprey													1		
Bald Eagle	2	4	9	3	19	11	36	17	8	11	14	167	9	39	5
Northern Harrier	4	7	29	3		55	12	3	10	13	63	7	3	46	7
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	1	3	1		3	4	4		1	3	2	7	3	2
Cooper's Hawk	7	5	8	8	1	6	4	1	1	2	13	4	5	5	4
Northern Goshawk											1	1			
Accipiter sp.			3									1			
Red-shouldered Hawk	2		2	2	15	43	31	25	24	1		2	5	49	24
Red-tailed Hawk	17	24	80	24	34	61	36	54	70	53	55	48	32	95	51
Rough-legged Hawk		1	2				1				1			1	
Golden Eagle														1	
American Kestrel	30	48	65	28	18	74	40	35	52	29	39	10	17	41	25
Merlin		1												CW	
Peregrine Falcon									1	1					
King Rail														2	
Virginia Rail														1	
American Coot	242	97	166	30	634	1	1	400	51		8	2	198	160	
Sandhill Crane						8									
Killdeer	9		38	1	40	5	167	29	147	43		7	2	52	20
Least Sandpiper	1							7			7	2			
Dunlin											2				
Wilson's Snipe	2					3		6	2					26	
American Woodcock						6									30
Bonaparte's Gull	30	CW	813		732		CW	14			88		1922		
Ring-billed Gull	627	9	13953	1695	19709	20	29	539	234	56	241	380	11359	84	7
Herring Gull	1		137	22		1	2	5	2	1	2	1	129	1	
Lesser Black-backed Gull			CW										1		
Glaucous Gull			CW										1		
gull sp.			2									32			
Rock Pigeon	43	130	97	200	42	40	52	124	70	33	158	5	35	56	34
Eurasian Collared-Dove	12	2	33		4	24	2	6	3	22	87	5	6	18	
Mourning Dove	28	347	441	120	134	780	428	194	542	200	429	58	44	318	123
Barn Owl			4			1								1	
Eastern Screech-Owl	CW	1	3	6	4		15	14	1		4		6	13	
Great Horned Owl	2	3	3	1	10	3	5	11	1	2	10		1	5	3
Barred Owl	3	7	7	1	9	16	13	20	4	1	7	9	3	12	3
Long-eared Owl			2		1						1				
Short-eared Owl	2		17			16			1		49			5	
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1												1

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	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	HSLK	JACK	MERM	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	UNION	WRBV
Belted Kingfisher	6	3	2	3	5	8	10	13	4	6	1	2	7	11	3
Red-headed Woodpecker	10	26	14	12	4	6	6	133	2	4	17	25	28	107	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	35	47	95	25	74	116	183	148	64	19	65	103	51	258	37
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	3	4	2	2	23	30	13	13	2	1	13	2	48	5
Downy Woodpecker	30	50	47	20	64	166	143	78	76	22	40	58	38	205	19
Hairy Woodpecker	6	8	10	4	20	53	36	26	27	11	8	8	15	85	7
Northern Flicker	22	110	39	15	58	120	232	110	109	4	43	23	32	266	29
Pileated Woodpecker	7	2	4	2	26	47	57	35	21	3	6	20	3	96	19
Eastern Phoebe	CW				2	10	3	4	1					4	1
Eastern Kingbird		1													
Loggerhead Shrike	1					1			6	1	6				
Blue Jay	88	194	344	59	343	258	154	368	116	36	207	105	183	408	66
American Crow	42	125	194	115	157	2924	55	113	161	247	79	102	111	230	47
Horned Lark	91	88	249	45	4	50	1000	15	148	68	550	227	12	132	7
Carolina Chickadee	79	93	125	22	94	192	200	207	96	49	86		71	297	53
Black-capped Chickadee												81			
Tufted Titmouse	72	83	112	24	80	238	279	286	131	44	109	135	68	357	66
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	2	3	2	11	1	1	4	1		11	1	12	18	
White-breasted Nuthatch	24	48	51	6	41	152	94	130	61	31	54	52	17	293	29
Brown Creeper	1	1	16	5	21	69	69	14	12	6	7	12	29	55	
Carolina Wren	20	28	85	10	127	213	194	125	184	29	70	57	54	273	22
House Wren		1				1	1		3					1	
Winter Wren	1		8	4	26	344	34	6	21	3	1	2	4	41	1
Sedge Wren											3			1	
Marsh Wren							1				1			4	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	1	27	1	37	41	33	27	14	4	1	3	33	67	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1				2	10	6	2	5				1	24	1
Eastern Bluebird	46	47	52	13	137	216	199	201	282	12	37	11	39	394	76
Hermit Thrush	2		2		16	4	42	15	9		2	2	3	35	CW
American Robin	102	50	77	141	62	214	48	32	206	3	92	70	165	426	2
Gray Catbird							1								
Northern Mockingbird	5	6	4	11	19	19	15	32	35	17	2	1	9	17	11
Brown Thrasher	2		1		7	2	11	5	1				6	6	8
European Starling	4028	3530	4885	4320	2415	3079	6000	4922	2481	557	7831	642	4249	2800	1746
American Pipit							85	7	2	10				116	8
Cedar Waxwing	CW	55	76	6		24		9	3	11		12		47	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1		1												
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2			CW	12	10	238	21	7	7		1		112	10
Palm Warbler					1										
Ovenbird								1							
Common Yellowthroat													1		
Eastern Towhee	2		6	3	33	31	36	34	49	2	7	1	13	19	5
Bachman's Sparrow															2
American Tree Sparrow	33	58	53	19	28	233	97	40	29	16	345	230	24	79	6
Chipping Sparrow			1				3	12	3					2	
Field Sparrow	11	60	7	1	3	61	92	47	184	9	9		14	51	10
Savannah Sparrow	6	1	21	3	40	46	76	8	8		96	8	42	44	
Le Conte's Sparrow						7	2		2					1	
Fox Sparrow	4	4	2	3	23	40	47	42	11	2	5	23	13	30	11
Song Sparrow	25	31	79	20	87	512	277	133	367	17	94	58	92	421	46
Lincoln's Sparrow												1			
Swamp Sparrow	16	4	34	2	54	345	197	41	133	4	22	37	153	295	3
White-throated Sparrow	54	29	75	79	422	354	834	659	616	36	33	144	286	621	238
Harris's Sparrow															1
White-crowned Sparrow	125	18	44	20	36	120	16	178	141	65	20	64	36	13	12
Dark-eyed Junco	138	273	250	98	638	384	874	1591	501	81	220	640	493	1096	533
Lapland Longspur	8	3	664	46		1	150		25	5	2613	100		96	
Northern Cardinal	173	240	303	137	332	296	597	457	521	111	187	408	365	657	248
Red-winged Blackbird	977	59	412	14852	3247	555	750	27468	10147	413	699	821	48805	4500	4514
Eastern Meadowlark	21	31	67	15	23	179	227	48	169	3	532		21	73	22
Western Meadowlark									2						
meadowlark sp.		1													
Rusty Blackbird	252		2	130	63	9	500	295	12	2	22		24	247	
Brewer's Blackbird			19								1				
Common Grackle	15401	124	415	12203	3035	1057	300	21553	3395	11	16306	365	84723	1100	33
Brown-headed Cowbird	127	83	320	383	30	49	180	2047	290	10	1524	2	2067	700	15
blackbird sp.	2653	4		104833		50				560	850	1000			3300
Purple Finch	2	30	2		7	4	2	2	2	21	9	11	7	39	13
House Finch	33	49	14	26	12	7	45	38	23	68	11	72	10	6	5
Pine Siskin						2									
American Goldfinch	123	157	553	94	145	249	201	188	224	136	488	143	116	495	240
House Sparrow	128	694	470	119	61	83	372	216	173	29	460	233	285	197	22
Eurasian Tree Sparrow			5	108								93			
TOTAL	46971	8057	84170	142300	38626	33272	67350	67103	23073	4178	38167	34496	168567	88250	12258
SPECIES	95	77	105	79	92	99	98	95	90	75	98	85	97	107	68

Field Notes

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In terms of weather, the winter of 2009-2010 in Illinois was very similar to the previous winter season (i.e. colder temperatures and considerable precipitation). Temperatures fluctuated throughout the entire winter season, ranging from moderately above normal to considerably below normal. Additionally, higher winds, which occurred over several periods, produced severely harsh wind chills. Illinois also experienced substantial amounts of precipitation throughout several minor and major winter storm events this season. Overall, 22 separate noteworthy winter storms moved across all or a portion of Illinois during 2009-2010. These frequently occurring storms produced a variety of precipitation types (e.g. rain, ice, sleet, and snow), depending on the temperature regime at the time of the storm. The avian community recorded this winter was once again substantially diverse, with 185 species identified statewide. This diversity was the same number identified last year (185 species). Nevertheless, this still represented one of the best wintering communities encountered in Illinois over the last decade.

During December, temperatures varied across the state ranging from considerably below normal to slightly above normal. This month was extremely active in terms of regularly occurring winter storms impacting Illinois. The season began with a fast moving storm on 8 December, which dropped 1-3 inches of snow across the northern portion of the state and light to moderate rain throughout the central region. This event was followed immediately by a slower storm on 9, 10 December, which resulted in 4-10 inches of snow in the north, 1-3 inches of snow in the central section, and light rain in the south. This storm was accompanied by 20-40 mph winds, which produced severe wind chills of -20 to -25 degrees. Following a 9-day period free of weather events, a minor storm dropped approximately one inch of snow over northern Illinois on 20 December. This was followed by a series of fast moving storms racing across the state over several dates. On 22 December, the first of these storms produced 2-5 inches of snow across the northern tier of counties and 1-2 inches over the rest of the north. This storm also resulted in light rain and freezing rain over central sections of the state. The next day (23 December), as temperatures warmed, another storm was ushered in by 20-30 mph winds. This event created moderate rain and freezing rain over northern Illinois, along with moderate rain across the southern 2/3 of the state. Another fast moving storm (20-30 mph winds) moved across Illinois on 24 December, dropping moderate to heavy rainfall over

the entire state. Relentlessly, another storm event occurred on 25, 26 December. Falling temperatures resulted in moderate rain changing to snow through the northern 2/3 of Illinois (3-5 inches in the north, 1-4 inches in the central regions), as well as moderate rainfall over the south. The final storm in this remarkable series produced 1-2 inches of snow in the north, 2-4 inches in the central, and moderate rain and snow showers over the southern portions of the state on 27 December. Following a brief respite, the final storm of the month (30 December) yielded 1-4 inches of snow over the northern half of the state, and light rain across the southern half.

During January temperatures fluctuated substantially, ranging from moderately above to considerably below normal. Early in the month, several nights experienced severe wind chills of -10 to -20 degrees. Illinois endured a strong winter storm on 6, 7 January, which dropped 6-10 inches of snow over the north, 2-6 inches across central Illinois, and 1-2 inches over the south. A week later (14 January) a southern storm created light rain and freezing rain in the center of the state, and light rainfall over the south. This event also resulted in light snow over the northeast section of Illinois. On 20 January, light to moderate rain and freezing rain fell throughout the northern half of the state, along with rainfall across the southern half. The next day (21 January) a similar but separate storm moved across the state. Light to moderate rainfall occurred throughout the entire state on 23 January. The final storm of the month (25 January) was powered by 30-40 mph winds, which resulted in wind chills ranging from 0 to -10 degrees. This event yielded 1-3 inches of snow across the northern 2/3 of Illinois.

In February, temperatures were fairly stable and ranged from slightly above to slightly below normal. However, winter storms continued to batter the state on a regular basis. On 2 February, 2-4 inches of snow fell across the northern half of Illinois, along with light rain over the southern half. The next storm occurred on 4, 5 February, producing 1-4 inches of snowfall and light to moderate rain across the northern half and moderate rain across the southern half of the state. A major storm on 8, 9 February dropped anywhere from 5-15 inches of snow across Illinois. The southern portion of the state received another 2-4 inches of snow on 14 February. The next day (15 February) the entire state experienced another 1-2 inches of snow. The final two storms of the 2009-2010 winter occurred over

consecutive days. On 20 February, 1-2 inches of snow fell over the northern section of the state, while light rain and/or freezing rain fell across the southern 2/3. On 21 February, a major storm closed out the winter season. This storm produced 6-12 inches of snow in the north, and 1-1.5 inches of rain over the central and southern regions.

The species recorded during the winter of 2009-2010 included nearly all of the "expected" wintering birds, along with a fairly large variety of lingering migrants and "semi-hardy" species. Additionally, many birds which are typically present only in the southern region of the state were also recorded this winter. Furthermore, a considerable number of uncommon and accidental species were also documented. By the end of the winter season, very little early spring migration had been observed within Illinois.

Many species groups increased in overall abundance as compared to last winter. These groups included: shorebirds, doves, owls, woodpeckers, "permanent residents," "open country birds," mimics, sparrows, and blackbirds. Three species groups had equal numbers of increasing and decreasing species. These included: waterfowl (puddle ducks), shrikes, and thrushes. By comparison, several species groups decreased in overall abundance. Among these groups were: waterfowl (geese, swans, and diving ducks), upland gamebirds, gulls, and finches. Most "waterbirds," diurnal raptors, and "semi-hardy" species were recorded in fairly typical abundances. Several less common species, which are often recorded or should be present within the wintering community, were not observed in 2009-2010. These species included: Gray Partridge, Snowy Owl, Tree Swallow, Dickcissel, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red Crossbill, and Evening Grosbeak.

The avian community this winter included nine extraordinary species (Brant, King Eider, Barrow's Goldeneye, Western Grebe, Prairie Falcon, Mew Gull, European Herring Gull, Rufous Hummingbird, and Great-tailed Grackle), which required review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) before they could be accepted (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee 2007). Several additional species, some for which it is requested to provide additional documentation to the IORC for review, included many species rarely found during the winter season in Illinois. Among these, some of the more interesting species included: Harlequin Duck, Pacific Loon, American Bittern, King Rail, Virginia Rail, Sanderling, Dunlin, Purple Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, California Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Forster's Tern, Barn Owl, Varied Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler, Palm Warbler, Ovenbird, Summer Tanager, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Baltimore Oriole. Barnacle Goose (2!), Whooping Crane (several) and European Goldfinch were part of Illinois's growing list of exotic/released species observed within Illinois this winter, some of which may well be added to the official Illinois list in years to come.

Waterfowl to Vultures

This winter, 36 species of waterfowl were recorded throughout Illinois. This community included: 6 geese, 3

swans, 9 "puddle ducks," and 18 "diving ducks." Overall, the majority of waterfowl species were less numerous this winter. The exception was "puddle ducks," which had as many increasing as well as decreasing species. Among the 6 species of geese, Greater White-fronted, Cackling and Snow Geese were somewhat more abundant this year, while Ross's and Canada were less numerous. Goose populations appeared to be lower within the central and southern sections of the state. For example, although large numbers of Snow and Canada Geese were encountered at traditional central and southern waterfowl concentration sites, numbers at most of these areas were considerably reduced. Mute Swans occurred in fairly typical numbers this winter, while Trumpeter and Tundra Swans were less plentiful.

Among the "puddle duck" community, half of the species increased in abundance and half decreased. However, the trend of substantially reduced numbers of ducks at traditional southern and central concentration sites continued in 2009-2010. As a consequence, no large concentrations of "puddle ducks" were reported this winter. Seven species of "diving ducks" were recorded in lower numbers statewide, while 5 species were more plentiful and 3 species occurred in typical abundance. Overall this season, as with "puddle ducks," no notable concentrations of "diving ducks" were found in Illinois.

Once again, 4 species of upland gamebirds were documented within the state. Ring-necked Pheasant and Northern Bobwhite populations continue to exhibit sharply declining trends across the state, with very few bobwhites observed in the northern 2/3 of Illinois. In contrast, the Wild Turkey occurred in greater abundance and was more widely distributed statewide. In a continuing trend, no Gray Partridge were reported this winter, which suggests that this bird's population may soon be gone from Illinois.

Among the other "waterbirds," 3 species of loons, 5 grebes, 4 herons, and 2 vultures were observed this winter. Markedly increasing encounters of Red-throated Loons along the Chicagoland lakefront appear to be the harbinger of a regular wintering population, at least along Lake Michigan. Most of the above birds were recorded in typical abundance, with the exception of the Black Vulture which occurred in increased numbers while the American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, and Turkey Vulture were all less numerous. The appearance of a Black Vulture in northern Illinois was surprising.

Diurnal Raptors to Terns

The 2009-2010 winter saw reports of 13 species of diurnal raptors identified within the state. Other than the American Kestrel, most other raptors were reported in typical to reduced numbers. Bald Eagle populations were substantially reduced statewide this winter, with no large concentrations reported anywhere in the state. Grassland raptors including Northern Harrier and Rough-legged Hawk were found in fairly good numbers, especially in northern Illinois. Four Golden Eagles were found this winter in widely scattered areas. Five Northern Goshawks

were also a good number, all immatures, and also found in widely scattered locations including one in southeastern Illinois. Wintering records continue to increase for Merlin, formerly a much rarer wintering species.

American Coots and Sandhill Cranes were considerably more abundant this winter, with these species being much more widespread in their distribution. However, the bulk of the cranes were encountered in northeastern Illinois, especially during an exceptional 2-3 day movement through downtown Chicago along the Lake Michigan shoreline during a large, late-season movement south. Two rail species not normally found in winter in Illinois were found in a small marsh in far southern Illinois on a Christmas Bird Count, traditionally harboring other uncommon marsh species.

A total of 7 shorebird species were recorded this winter in Illinois. Killdeer and Wilson's Snipe were more plentiful this winter, while the American Woodcock continues to be found in the southern region, both as a rare (but increasing) wintering species as well as early returning migrants. Two uncommon wintering shorebirds documented this year in Waukegan included a Sanderling and a Purple Sandpiper, as were two others (Dunlin and Least Sandpiper) on a Christmas Bird Count in southeastern Illinois.

A very impressive total of 13 species of gulls and 1 tern (possibly 2?!) were identified this winter across the state. Among the gull community, all species were reported in lower or typical abundances, with the exception of the more numerous American Herring Gull. Of the more unusual "wintering gulls," Thayer's, Iceland, and Great Black-backed were less abundant this year, while the Lesser Black-backed and Glaucous were similar in abundance to last winter. Ring-billeds were considerably less plentiful throughout the state. Although more widely distributed, the "semi-hardy" Bonaparte's Gull occurred in lower numbers. Several noteworthy concentrations of gulls were observed this winter, with Carlyle Lake again serving as a "gull magnet" in southern Illinois..

Pigeons to Kinglets

Rock Pigeons occurred in similar abundance to last winter, although they were most definitely under-reported statewide. Mourning and Eurasian Collared-Doves both were recorded in greater numbers this year and collared-doves were much more widespread. However, there were no exceptionally large dove concentrations. Monk Parakeet numbers were similar in number to past winters.

Seven species of owls were identified within Illinois this winter. Populations of Eastern Screech, Great Horned, Long-eared, and Northern Saw-whet Owls were relatively similar to last winter, although two observations of five Saw-whets in two counties were exceptional. However, once again, Screech, Horned, and Barred Owls were undoubtedly under-reported. Barred and Short-eared Owls were recorded in increased numbers this winter. Although still extremely scarce and entirely restricted to the south, Barn Owls seem to be increasing. A single female Rufous Hummingbird was identified this winter.

Most woodpecker species exhibited increased numbers, although Downy Woodpeckers were less abundant, while the Hairy Woodpecker occurred in numbers similar to those encountered last winter. Although no notable concentrations of woodpeckers were recorded this winter, Red-headed Woodpeckers were more abundant and widely distributed particularly in the southern region. Furthermore, most permanent resident woodpeckers (i.e. Red-bellied, Downy, and Hairy Woodpeckers) were again probably under-reported. Eastern Phoebes were found in similar numbers to those encountered last year. Loggerhead Shrikes were slightly more numerous, but were located only in the southern portion of the state, while Northern Shrikes once again staged a very respectable movement into the state.

Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported in similar numbers, as were most of the common permanent residents (i.e. corvids, chickadees, titmice, and nuthatches) in the 2009-2010 winter season. No extraordinary concentrations, however, were observed among the other common permanent residents. Horned Larks were more numerous this winter, while Brown Creepers were less abundant.

Five species of wren were reported within the state during the 2009-2010 winter. Carolina and Winter Wrens occurred in greater abundance. Both Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets occurred in similar numbers to those encountered last winter within the state.

Thrushes to Buntings

Of the thrushes and mimids, Eastern Bluebirds and all the mimids were more plentiful this year, while the American Robin occurred in lower numbers. European Starlings were more abundantly reported this winter. American Pipits were considerably more numerous (especially along the Chicago lakefront) and widely distributed this year, while Cedar Waxwings were present in lower numbers throughout Illinois.

Five species of warbler were found in Illinois this winter. Yellow-rumped Warblers were less abundant and less widely distributed across the state, with the other three warbler species recorded being Ovenbird, Orange-crowned and Palm Warbler, along with 3 Common Yellowthroats.

A female Summer Tanager was identified in Kane County. Eastern Towhees were reported in similar abundance as compared to last winter, with one Spotted Towhee found on a Chicagoland Christmas Bird Count. Winter sparrow diversity (15 species) was amazing this winter, including a very rare species for the winter season, Grasshopper Sparrow, nicely photographed. Of these, most were tallied in increased numbers. Dark-eyed Juncos, Savannah Sparrows, Lapland Longspurs, and Snow Buntings were all much more abundant and widespread this winter throughout the state, but the latter three (as well as American Pipits) were almost unprecedentedly numerous along the Chicagoland lakefront. A single Rose-breasted Grosbeak was encountered at Lake Calumet.

Blackbirds to Weaver Finches

During the 2009-2010 winter season, 8 species of blackbirds were observed in Illinois. Although most of these species were reported in larger numbers this year, the two most common icterids (Red-winged Blackbird and Common Grackle) were considerably less abundant, primarily due to much lower concentrations at various southern locales. Nevertheless, there were still noteworthy concentrations found in the south compared to the rest of the state. A juvenile Baltimore Oriole was photographed in Sangamon County.

Six species of finches were recorded this winter, as well as the exotic European Goldfinch, although it was of a different subspecies than normally found in Illinois. All finch species occurred in slightly to greatly reduced numbers this season, with no notable concentrations anywhere in the state. There appeared to be very minimal migration among the more regular winter finches. Purple Finches were slightly less numerous, as were American Goldfinches, while Pine Siskins and House Finches were noticeably less abundant this season. However, there was no irruptive "winter invasion" event as we experienced last winter. In fact, only one individual each of the Common Redpoll and White-winged Crossbill were observed this winter, and Red Crossbill and Evening Grosbeak were not encountered at all. Both House Sparrow and Eurasian Tree Sparrows were reported in reduced numbers

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The foundation of this summary was the detailed information regarding wintering avian populations as submitted directly to the compiler by field observers throughout the state. Maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three regions of Illinois (north, central, and south) as described by Bohlen (1978). Additional data reflecting the progress of the season are noted, when available, for species and areas of special interest. The species accounts which follow, utilize the taxonomy and nomenclature of the 7th Edition of the A.O.U. Check-list (American Ornithologists' Union 2003) and its latest supplement (51st supplement, 2010) as well as the official Illinois Ornithological Records Committee bird checklist (1999), and an updated version on-line at http://www.illinoisbirds.org/birds_of_illinois1.html.

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As a printing aid the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

Abbreviations:

<	= late fall departure	resp	= respectively	L&D	= Lock and Dam
>	= early spring arrival	unk	= unknown age/sex	NC	= Nature Center
*	= observation documented	1st	= first winter plumage	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge
♀	= female	2nd	= second winter plumage	Pk	= Park
♂	= male	3rd	= third winter plumage	Pr	= Preserve
ad	= adult	B	= Beach	R	= River
Co(s)	= County(ies)	CA	= Conservation Area	SF	= State Forest
imm	= immature	Cem	= Cemetery	SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife Area
lg	= large	FP	= Forest Preserve	Sl	= Slough
MC	= maximum count	H	= Harbor	SNA	= State Natural Area
m.ob.	= many observers	HA	= Habitat Area	SP	= State Park
pr	= pair	I	= Island	SRA	= State Recreation Area
		L	= Lake	WA	= Wildlife Area

Observation Locations:

Ark	= Arklands Reclamation Area (Perry Co)	LowdMil	= Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
BaldwinL	= Baldwin Lake (St. Clair Co)	LShel	= Lake Shelbyville (Shelby and Moultrie Cos)
BraidwoodL	= Braidwood Lake (Will Co)	LTFP	= Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
CarlL	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton & Fayette Cos)	MArb	= Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
CBG	= Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)	Maz/Braid	= Mazonia/Braidwood State Fish & Wildlife Area (Grundy/Will/Kankakee Co)
Chau	= Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)	MermetL	= Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
Chi	= Chicago (Cook Co)	MissR	= Mississippi River (various Cos)
ClintonL	= Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)	Montrose	= Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
ConnerL	= Conner Lake (Monroe Co)	Nachusa	= Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
COLSP	= Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)	NoP	= North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
CONWR	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)	Palos	= Palos area (s.w. Cook Co)
EForkL	= East Fork Lake (Richland Co)	PLNWR	= Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge, Keithsburg Division (Mercer Co)
ESTL	= East St. Louis (St. Clair Co)	PRKWA	= Peabody River King Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
GLPSNA	= Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)	PRSNA-J	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
GreenR	= Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)	QC	= Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
GreeneVal	= Greene Valley Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)	Rckfd	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
HennepinL	= Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)	RendL	= Rend Lake (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
HL	= Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)	RockCut	= Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
HLCA	= Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)	RollinsSav	= Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co)
IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)	Sang	= Sangamon Co
ICCA	= Iroquois County Conservation Area (Iroquois Co)	SantaFe	= Sante Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
JP	= Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)	Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Kankakee	= Kankakee (Kankakee Co)	Springbrk	= Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co)
KankakeeR SP	= Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)	SRSF	= Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
KinkaidL	= Kinkaid Lake (Jackson Co)	StarvedRock	= Starved Rock State Park (La Salle Co)
Klehm Arb	= Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co)	UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
KLMSNA	= Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)	UMRNWR	= Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge (Carroll/Whiteside Cos)
LCal	= Lake Calumet area (Cook Co)	Urbana	= Urbana (Champaign Co)
LMurphy SP	= Lake Murphysboro State Park (Jackson Co)	Wauk	= Waukegan Harbor and vicinity (Lake Co)
LostMound	= Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River NWR (Jo Daviess Co)	WinthropH	= Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

When information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is available, it is included in parentheses at the head of the observation account. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s) who made the report. Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are **underlined and boldfaced**. Species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter appear in **CAPITALIZED, BOLD FACED** fonts. Headings for species requiring review by the IORC appear in **CAPITALIZED, UNDERLINED, AND BOLD FACED** fonts. IORC reviewed species are found at the end of the species accounts.



“The Great Protector”

Sue Bowman took this photo of her dog guarding an American Robin in her Kane County backyard 24 November 2009.

Her husband, Mark, heard a thud on his window and saw a robin on its back convulsing. Mark went to pick up the robin and rubbed his neck, then had to leave. Sue let their 35-pound American Eskimo, Hunter, outside, and Mark worried the dog might attack the robin.

Instead, Hunter looked at the bird, bent his head over, licked him and then sat down next to him. Hunter would not let anything near the bird. He sat there for two hours until the robin hopped into the yard with Hunter walking behind him, escorting him out.

The “Kane County Chronicle” featured Hunter in an article entitled, “The Great Protector.”

Winter 2009-2010 Field Notes

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 2450, MissR (Monroe Co), 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); 2386, Chau, 26 Feb (RGB, SNB); 2025 Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 1300, Sang, 25 Jan (HDB); 605 & 13, ClintonL, 29 Jan & 22 Jan resp (MEF); 62, BraidwoodL, 26 Jan (JHH); 52, WinthropH, 24 Jan (EWW, JSS). **Others:** CarlL (2000), 20 Feb (DMK); *Clay and Richland* (1000), 27 Feb (CLH); PRKWA (800), 1 Jan (TJD); UCCA (600), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Clark* (515), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); CONWR (248), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); RendL (225), 19 Dec (KAM); HLCA (441), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Wayne* (211), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Pulaski* (150), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (58), 16 Dec (MJE); Kingdom (Lee Co) (43), 6 Feb (DTW, BCW); *Kankakee* (12), 24 Jan (JHH); LShel (12), 17 Jan (TAM); *McLean* (2), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); IBSP (3), 24 Jan (JSS); MeredosaL (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); *Champaign*, 8 Feb (EWW).

Snow Goose

MC: 500,000, CarlL, 20-21 Feb (DMK); 30,000, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 29,164, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 200, *McLean*, 27 Dec (KAM). **Others:** BaldwinL (25,000), 29 Dec (TJD); MissR (Monroe Co) (19,506), 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); HLCA (18,300), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Sang (10,000), 25 Jan (HDB); RendL (5052), 19 Dec (KAM); *Pulaski* (1500), 18 Jan (KAM); EForkL (1000), 21 Feb (CLH); *Wayne* (900), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); CONWR (700), 18 Jan (KAM); *Pope* (318), 30 Jan (CAT); *Jasper* (236), 28 Jan (CAT). WinthropH (8), 24 Jan (EWW); Chau (7), 26 Feb (RGB, SNB); BraidwoodL (4), 28 Jan (JHH). Occurred in typical abundance at some traditional southern concentration sites, but other sites with typically large overwintering numbers experienced greatly reduced numbers.

Ross's Goose

MC: 12, Sang, 18 Feb but also 12-15 Dec (ad) & 24 Dec (ad & imm) & 27 Jan (2) & 30 Jan (6, 5 white, 1 **blue**) (HDB); 12 & 7, UCCA, 31 Jan & 29 Dec (KAM & SDB, PAM resp); 10, CarlL, 6 Dec (DMK); 10, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS). **Others:** HLCA (6), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Pulaski* (5), 18 Jan (KAM); RendL (2), 19 Dec (KAM); EForkL (2), 21 Feb (CLH); BraidwoodL, 18 Feb (JHH); SpoonL (Knox Co), 12-14 Dec (MJB, et al.); Warsaw (Adams Co), 7 Feb (MJB); BaldwinL, 26 Jan & 14 Feb (KAM); *Wayne*, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK).

Cackling Goose

MC: 2100, EvergreenL (McLean/Woodford Cos), 19 Dec (MJW); 873, *McLean*, 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); 320, *Livingston*, 10 Dec (CAT); 200, UMRNWR, 5 Dec (BJS); 120, RendL, 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); 61, LRenwick Pr (Will Co), 12 Dec (DFS); 58, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 40, PRSNA, 18 Dec (CLH); 34, *Kankakee*, 16 Dec (JHH); 22, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 13, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 10 Dec (MF); 12, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 12 Dec (DJS). **Others:** Urbana (41), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); KLMSNA (37), 13 Feb (CCD, PPD); *Ford* (25), 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); StarvedRock (20), 27 Dec (MJW, THR); CONWR (20), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); BraidwoodL (18), 15 Dec (JHH); Spfld (15), 18 Dec (KAM); Vermilion (15), 16 Dec (MPW, et al.); Chau (13), 4 Dec (RGB, SNB); UCCA (12), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *McDonough* (11), 19 Dec (LLH); CarlL (10), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (9), 20 Dec (CLH); LShel (7), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); MermetL (6), 31 Dec (KJM); BaldwinL (6), 13 Feb (MT); *Cumberland* (5), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); LMurphy SP (5), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Washington* (3), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); WinthropH, 12 Dec (EWW).

Canada Goose

MC: 35,800, LRenwick Pr (Will Co), 12 Dec (DFS); 14,900, BraidwoodL, 1 Feb (JHH); 10,000, CarlL, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 10,000, Sang, 31 Jan (HDB); 10,000, *Edgar*, 8 Feb (EWW); 6744, ClintonL, 29 Jan (MEF); 5200, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 14 Dec (RB); 5000, Fox R (Kendall Co), 16 Dec (DJS); 4300, *Clark*, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK). **Others:** LShel (7000), 2 Jan (SDB, SLD); Spfld (5000), 21 Feb (KAM); Chau (4331), 26 Feb (RGB, SNB); *Ford* (3500), 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Will and Grundy* (3000), 19 Feb (KAM); EForkL (3000), 20-21 Feb (CLH); *McLean* (2780), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Vermilion* (2769), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); *Wayne* (Du Page Co) (2185), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); KLMSNA (1879), 13 Feb (CCD, PPD); *Kane* (1674), 6 Feb (CAT); Urbana (1650), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); WinthropH (1040), 24 Dec (EWW); RendL (1000), 18 Jan (KAM); *Alexander* (935), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CONWR (922), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); QC (914), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); UCCA (800), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); Chi (690), 25 Dec (KJM, JRG, m.ob.); *Wayne* (580), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Saline* (563), 31 Jan (CAT); *Rock Island* (552), 4 Jan (TM, WZ, m.ob.).

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Peoria (Peoria Co & Tazewell Co), 3-9 Dec (RF ph, MAM, CAT, LLH, EWW ph, PF, m.ob.).

Mute Swan

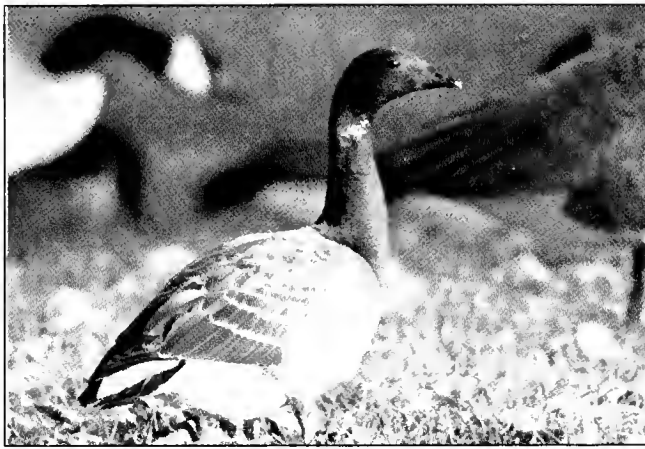
MC: 110, LCal, 16 Jan (WJM, SBB, WSS); 68, Channahon (Will), 3-16 Jan (BSs), DFS et al.); 28, Chi, 24 Jan (GAW, m.ob.); *Vermilion* (7), 15 Dec (SDB). **Others:** LRenwick Pr (Will Co) (13), 12 Dec (DFS); *McHenry* (5), 23 Jan (CAT); WinthropH (2), 18-29 Dec (EWW); Bloomington (McLean Co) (2), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); Chau (2), 29 Jan (RGB, SNB); HL (2), 21 Jan & 26 Feb (KAM); LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Ark, 14 Jan (LS, LBi).

Trumpeter Swan

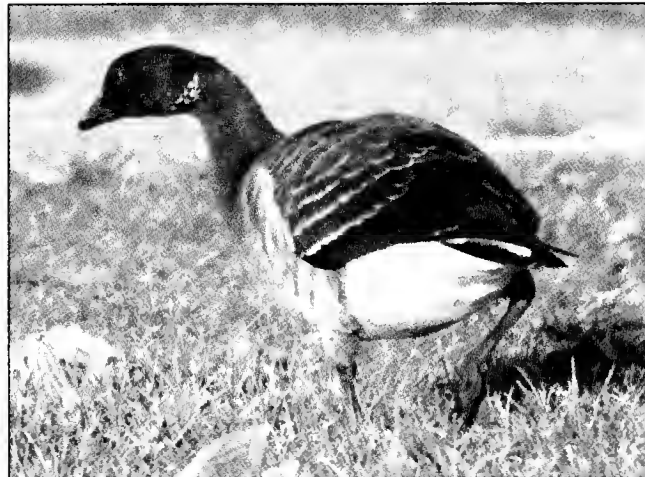
MC: 80, SantaFe, 27 Feb (JEM); 31 (25 ad, 6 imm), UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 20, UMRNWR (SpringL), 6 Dec (ASt); 20, *Edgar*, 8 Feb (EWW); 9 (5 ad, 4 imm), LCal, 8 Dec (*WJM); 9 (6 ad, 3 imm), QC, 1-28 Feb (KJM); 6, *Knox*, 6 Dec (PA, DJM). **Others:** *Kane* and *Will* (2 ad, 6 imm), 27 Feb (DRD); Channahon (Will Co) (2 ad, 5 imm), 18 Feb (JHH); MissR (Carroll Co) (3 ad), 21 Dec (*EAA, RN); RendL (3), 18 Jan (KAM); Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (2), 26-27 Feb (MAM, UWG); SenachwineL (Bureau Co) (2), 19 Dec (DFS).

Tundra Swan

MC: 200, UMRNWR, 5 Dec (BJS); 25, BraidwoodL, 2 Dec (JHH); 21, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); 16, Somonauk (La Salle Co), 2 Dec (DJS); 8, East Peoria (Tazewell Co), 5 Dec< (EWW); 7, PRKWA, 9 Jan (TJD); 4, EForkL, 2-17 Feb (CLH, RES). **Others:** LRenwick Pr (Will Co) (5), 12 Dec (DFS); SantaFe (3), 6-7 Feb (DMK,



Brant. Peoria, Peoria County.
2 December 2009. Photo by Tracy Fox.



Brant. East Peoria, Tazewell County.
5 December 2009. Photo by Rick Fox.

KAM); WinthropH, 2 Jan (AFS, GAW, m.ob.); LCal (ad), 11 & 16 Feb (*WJM); Sang (ad), 16 Dec (HDB); LVermilion (Vermilion Co), 16 Dec (SDB, MJE).

Wood Duck

MC: 11, NoP, 10 Dec (MF); 11, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 8, Danville (Vermilion Co), 16 Dec (BS, JR); 8, *St. Clair*, 21 Feb> (TJD); 7, *Edwards*, 20 Feb (RES); 6, EForkL, 20 Feb> (CLH). **Others:** *Clay* (5), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); MermetL (4), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); CarlL (3; 2 ♂, ♀), 28 Dec (KAM, MSS); MissR (Rock Island Co) (pr), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); UCCA (2), 29 Dec & 10 Jan (SDB, PAM & *DMK, MSS resp); *Kankakee* (♂), 16 Dec (JHH).

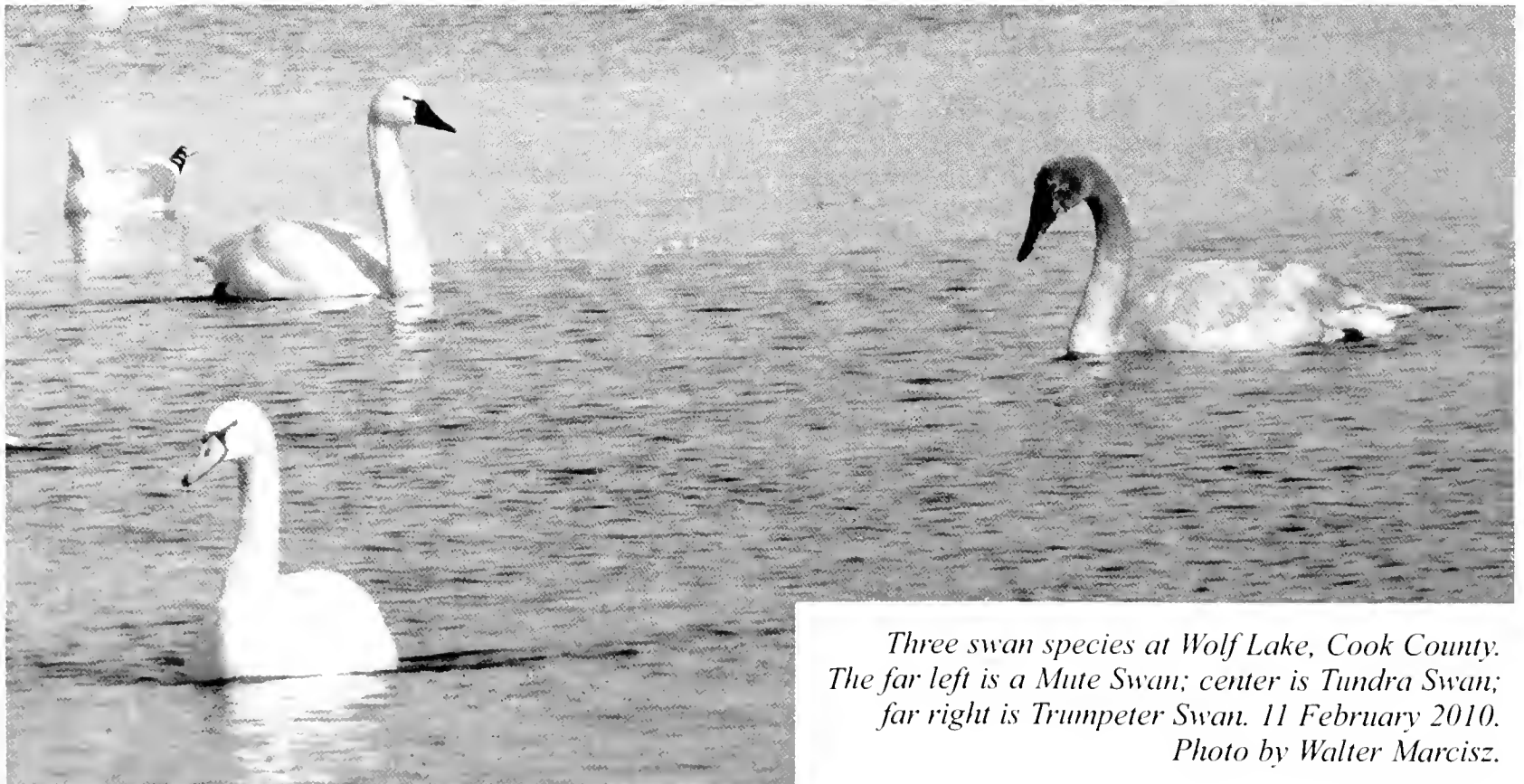
Gadwall

MC: 1000, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 650, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 243, *Will*, 24 Jan (CAT); 91, LCal, 1 Dec (WJM); 28, ClintonL, 11 Dec (MEF); 22, Chau, 4 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others:** CONWR (554), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); CarlL (400), 14 & 20 Feb (DMK); HL (325), 26 Feb (KAM); HLCA (320), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); MermetL (50), 31 Dec (KJM); RendL (41), 19 Dec (KAM); EForkL (15), 20-21 Feb (CLH); Chi (10), 13 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Effingham* (7), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); LVermilion (Vermilion Co) (5), 15 Dec (SDB). Considerably more abundant and widespread this winter throughout Illinois.

Gadwall X American Wigeon hybrid - Sang, 31 Dec (HDB ph).

American Wigeon

MC: 800, UCCA, 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); 250, CONWR, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 65, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM). **Others:** Ark (51), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); HLCA (42), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL (40), 6 Feb



Three swan species at Wolf Lake, Cook County.
The far left is a Mute Swan; center is Tundra Swan;
far right is Trumpeter Swan. 11 February 2010.
Photo by Walter Marcisz.

(DMK); HL (12), 26 Feb (KAM); EForkL (8), 20-21 Feb (CLH); PRKWA (6), 17 Jan (TJD); LCal (3), 1 Dec (WJM); *Effingham* (3), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); BraidwoodL (2), 29 Jan (JHH); Chau (2), 12 Feb (RGB, SNB); *Grundy*, 2 Dec (JHH); Chi (ad ♂), 16 Dec-17 Feb (SGS ph, GAW). Considerably more numerous, especially in the southern region.

American Black Duck

MC: 27, Chau, 4 Dec (RGB, SNB); 22, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 21, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 18, ClintonL, 20 Dec (MEF); 12, BraidwoodL, 14 Jan, 16 Feb (JHH); 9, Reckfd, 12 Dec (DTW). **Others:** CONWR (14), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); HLCA (12), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); CarlL (12), 21 Feb (DMK); Urbana (7), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Danville (Vermilion Co) (6), 16 Dec (SDB); QC (5), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH).

Mallard

MC: 5000, CarlL, 21 Feb (DMK); 4600, BraidwoodL, 17 Dec (JHH); 2620, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 1452, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); 1024, ClintonL, 20 Dec (MEF); 866, Chau, 4 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others:** HLCA (2500), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); UCCA (2402), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Ark (2340), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); KLMSNA (1286), 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); CONWR (672), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Vermilion* (525), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); *Pulaski* (500), 18 Jan (KAM); Chi (440), 17 Feb (GAW); Urbana (325), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Will* (312), 19 Jan (CAT); EForkL (300), 20-21 Feb (CLH); Rock R (Whiteside and Lee Cos) (241), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); *McHenry* (207), 23 Jan (CAT). Mallard X Gadwall hybrid – IllinoisR (Cass Co) (shot by hunters, now a mounted specimen), 11 Dec (fide HDB ph).

Blue-winged Teal

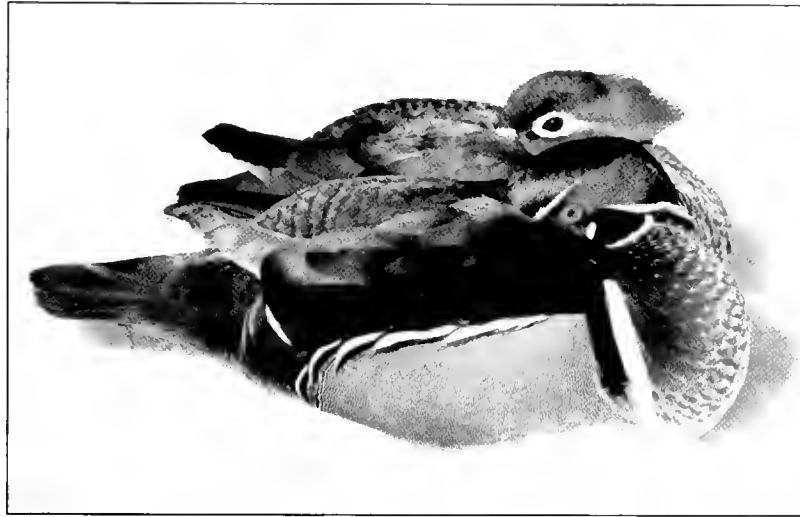
Chi (Humboldt Pk) (ad ♀), **1-20 Dec** (*SBB * ABA); Sang, 11 Dec (HDB).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 497, KLMSNA, 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); 400, CarlL, 14 Dec (DMK); 106, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 46, LCal, 1 Dec (WJM). **Others:** CONWR (80), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); MermetL (44), 31 Dec (KJM); UCCA (44), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Pulaski* (40), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *St. Clair* (25), 28 Feb (TJD); HL (10), 26 Feb (KAM); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (5), 11 Dec (MF); EForkL (5), 20-21 Feb (CLH); WinthropH (♂), 25 Dec (EWW); Channahon (Will Co) (♂), 18 Feb (*JHH); Urbana, 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK).

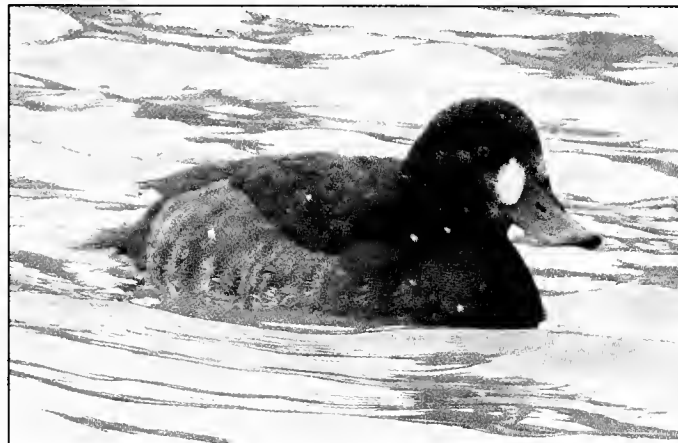
Northern Pintail

MC: 3000, CarlL, 14 Feb (DMK); 1987, KLMSNA, 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); 317, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 12, Channahon (Will Co), 18 Feb (JHH). **Others:** EForkL (100), 20-21 Feb (CLH); *Pulaski* (50), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *St. Clair* (42), 20 Feb (TJD); UCCA (25), 31 Jan (KAM); HLCA (15), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); CONWR (10), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Urbana (3), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LCal (2), 1 Dec (WJM); *Effingham* (2), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (2), 20 Dec (UWG); Chi (2), 24 Jan (GAW, m.ob.); WinthropH (pr), 31 Jan (EWW); Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 6 Dec< (DTW);



Wood Duck pair. North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 11 February 2010.

Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Female Greater Scaup. Montrose, Cook County. 22 December 2009.

Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Ark (♂), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Chau (♂), 22 Jan (RGB, SNB).

Green-winged Teal

MC: 250, *Pulaski*, 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); 200, CarlL, 21 Feb (DMK); 156, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 60, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 6, *Grundy*, 4 Dec (*JHH); 4, LCal, 1 Dec (WJM). **Others:** RendL (58), 19 Dec (KAM); UCCA (20), 31 Jan (KAM); Chau (13), 4 Dec (RGB, SNB); EForkL (6), 20-21 Feb> (CLH); Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (5), 16 Dec (RDD, MML); MermetL (2 pr), 31 Dec (KJM); HLCA (3), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Jackson* (2 ♂), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); HiddenL FP (Du Page Co) (2), 16 Jan (UWG); *Champaign* (♂), 8 Feb (EWW).

Canvasback

MC: 2000, UMRNWR, 5 Dec (BJS); 1400, *Franklin*, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); 1200, CarlL, 6-7, & 14 Feb (DMK); 420, HL, 26 Feb (KAM); 337, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); 151, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); 123, ClintonL, 11 Dec (MEF). **Others:** *St. Clair* (125), 21 Feb> (TJD); EForkL (100), 20-21 Feb (CLH); UCCA (71), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); MissR (Rock Island Co) (18), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (14), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); Rome (Peoria Co) (9 ♂), 30 Jan (DJS); BraidwoodL (5), 12 Dec (JHH); CONWR (5), 18 Jan (KAM); Ark (3),

27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Chi (pr), 25 Dec (KJM, JRG, m.ob.); *Kankakee* (2), 24 Feb (JHH); IBSP, 9 Dec< (EWW).

Redhead

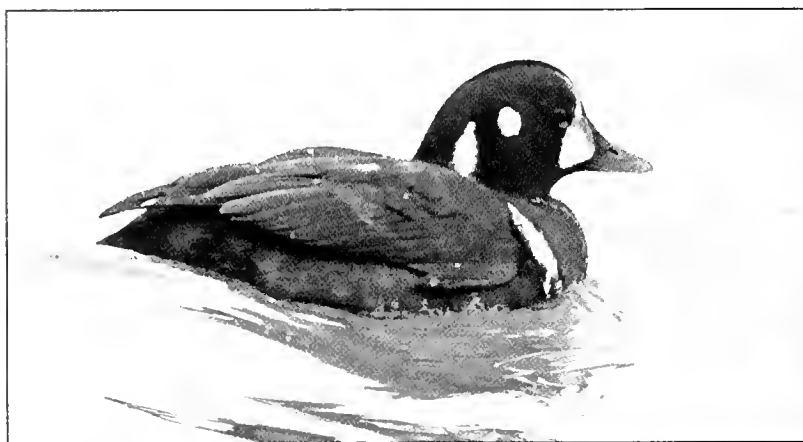
MC: 327, IBSP, 5 Dec (DBJ); 127, LCal, 11 Feb (WJM); 125, EForkL, 20-21 Feb (CLH); 69, WinthropH, 25 Dec (EWW); 30, CarlL, 14 Feb (DMK); 23, Chi, 21 Dec (GAW); 23, *St. Clair*, 28 Feb> (TJD). **Others:** QC (12), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Clay* (9), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); UCCA (8), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); BraidwoodL (7), 18 Feb (JHH); CONWR (6), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Kankakee* (3), 31 Dec (JHH); LShel (3), 8 Feb (EWW); RendL (3), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (pr), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); Ark (2 ♂), 27 Dec (KJM, JS); LChau (2), 31 Dec (RGB, SNB); Seneca (La Salle Co) (2), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); HL (2), 26 Feb (KAM).

Ring-necked Duck

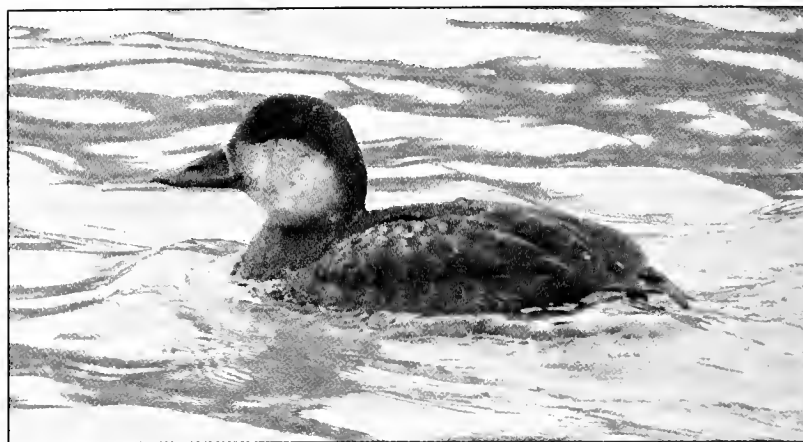
MC: 1815, HL, 26 Feb (KAM); 800, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 60, Chi, 13 Feb (CAT, TLK); 57 & 31, ClintonL, 1 Dec & 22 Jan resp (MEF); 52, BraidwoodL, 2 Dec (JHH); 52, Chau, 31 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others:** Ark (630), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); HLCA (300), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); *St. Clair* (180), 28 Feb (TJD); EForkL (150), 20-21 Feb (CLH); MermetL (60), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); CONWR (60), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); LCal (40), 14 Feb (WJM); Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (24), 19 Dec (KML). Considerably more abundant and widespread this winter.

Greater Scaup

MC: 2000, IBSP, 5 Dec (DBJ); 350, Chi, 8 Dec (GAW); 190, LCal, 18 Feb (WJM); 120, CarlL, 12 Dec (DMK, MSS); 25, RendL, 18 Jan (KAM); 20, EForkL, 20-21 Feb (CLH). **Others:** L&D 14 (Rock



Harlequin Duck. North Avenue, Cook County. 4 January 2010. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Black Scoter. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 22 December 2009. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



First winter male King Eider at bend of Little Calumet River, Cook County. 17 February 2010. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Island Co.) (5), 20 Dec (*KJM, SBH); *Will* (2), 17 Jan (BCS); *Meredosia*L (Morgan Co) (2), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB); *Spoon*L (Knox Co), 12-14 Dec (MJB); *LShel*, 17 Jan (TAM); *EFork*L, 1 Feb (MJB, APS); *MissR* (Madison Co.), 9 Jan (MT).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 500, *LCal*, 16 Jan (WJM, SBB, WSS, m.ob.); 400, *Franklin*, 20 Feb (CAT, TLK); 334, *KLMSNA*, 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); 203, *QC*, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 41, *Chau*, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); 30, *Clinton*L, 5 Dec (KAM, MSS). **Others:** *SantaFe* (300), 6 Feb (KAM); *EFork*L (100), 20-21 Feb (CLH); *L&D* 13 (Whiteside Co) (50), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); *Chi* (49), 18 Jan (CAT); *PRKWA* (45), 12 Feb> (TJD); *HL* (35), 26 Feb (KAM); *Rock R* (Whiteside and Lee Cos) (26), 24 Dec (CK, TG).

KING EIDER

Chi (imm ♂), 17 Feb (*SBB ph, CAT, TLK).

HARLEQUIN DUCK

Chi (ad ♂), 25 Dec - 28 Feb (KJM, *SBB, SGS ph, GN ph, m.ob.).

Surf Scoter

MC: 12, *IBSP*, 6 Dec (BJS). **Others:** *MissR* (Rock Island Co.) (2 ad ♀), 23 Dec (*KJM, LB); *Chi* (pr), 27 Feb (UWG); *Illinois R* (Peoria Co), 4-6 Dec (CAT, TLK, JHe, LLH, m.ob.); *Carl*L, 13 Dec (DMK, MSS).

White-winged Scoter

MC: 5(2♀, 3 imm), *L&D* 13 (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (*KJM, LB). **Others:** (ad ♂), *IBSP*, 5-9 Dec (DBJ, JW, EWW); *Chi* (♀), 19 Feb (SBB).

Black Scoter

MC: 5, *Chi* (Bend of Little Cal R), 13 Feb (CAT, TLK). **Others:** *IBSP*, 5 Dec - 1 Jan (♀ type), (DBJ et al.); *Chi* (♀), 21 Dec - 16 Feb (*GAW, *SBB, SGS ph).

Long-tailed Duck

MC: 10, *IBSP*, 5 Dec (DBJ); 3, *Carl*L, 12-14 Dec (DMK, MSS, CLH). **Others:** *Montrose* (♂ & ♀), 6 Feb (SGS ph); *Rock R* (Whiteside Co) (2), 24 Dec (KJM, TB); *Winthrop*H (♂), 20 Feb (MAM, UWG); *Meyer* (Adams Co), 28 Feb (RD); *LShel* (♀), 17 Jan (TAM).

Bufflehead

MC: 64, *Grundy*, 2 Dec (JHH); 55, *Chi*, 3 Dec (WJM, SBB); 37, *Will*, 19 Jan (CAT); 30, *Carl*L, 5 Dec (DMK); 24, *CONWR*, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 10, *Mason* Co, 8 Jan (RGB, SNB). **Others:** *Winthrop*H (32), 9 Dec (EWW); *Rend*L (13), 19 Dec (KAM); *EFork*L (10), 20-21 Feb (CLH); *Beall Woods SP* (Wabash Co) (5), 30 Jan (CAT).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 5000, *Rend*L, 31 Jan (KAM); 989, *QC*, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 600, *Carl*L, 30 Jan (DMK, MSS); 486, *MissR* (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 398, *LShel*, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); 380, *Kankakee R SP* (Kankakee Co), 14 Jan (JHH). **Others:** *L&D* 13 (Whiteside Co) (410), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); *Rome* (Peoria Co) (350), 30 Jan (DJS); *Chi* (Little Cal R) (300), 9 Jan (SBB); *Clinton*L (265), 11 Dec (MEF); *LCal* (205), 14 Feb (WJM); *Chau* (198), 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); *Lake Forest* (Lake Co) (144), 26 Dec (GAW); *Marshall* (105), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); 100, *Rock R* (Whiteside and Lee Cos), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); 95, *Will*, 19 Jan (CAT).

[BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (♀), 18 Dec - 1 Jan.]

Hooded Merganser

MC: 120, *Carl*L, 14 Dec (DMK); 81, *Channahon Widewaters* (Will Co), 16 Jan (DFS); 67, *Clinton*L, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 42, *Chau*, 4 Dec (RGB, SNB); 28, *Mermet*L, 31 Dec (KJM); 13, *Chi*, 25 Dec (GAW). **Others:** *UCCA* (21), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *CONWR* (21), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Rend*L (18), 19 Dec (KAM); *Beall Woods SP* (Wabash Co) (17), 30 Jan (CAT); *KLMSNA* (12), 13 Feb (CCD, PPD); *HLCA* (12), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Evanston* (Cook Co) (10), 25 Dec (EWW); *Pulaski* (10), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Danville* (Vermilion Co) (9), 16 Dec (BS, JR); *Ark* (9), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *EFork*L (8), 20-21 Feb (CLH); *Winthrop*H (5), 22-24 Jan (EWW). Overall numbers were considerably reduced.

Hooded Merganser X Common Goldeneye hybrid- *Chi* (Shedd Aquarium), 21-22 Feb (YCL ph, MMC).

Common Merganser

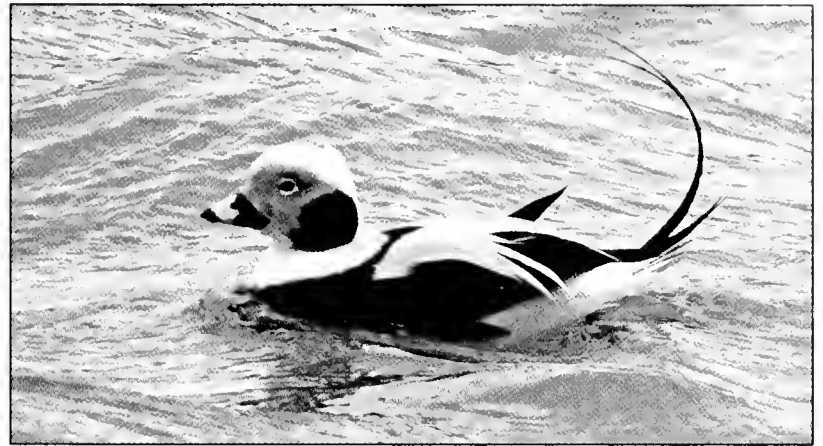
MC: 1000, *Rend*L, 31 Jan (KAM); 577, *Chi*, 12 Jan (GAW); 550, *Carl*L, 30 Jan (KAM); 508, *MissR* (Whiteside and Carroll Cos), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 384, *Chau*, 15 Jan (RGB, SNB). **Others:** *CONWR* (300), 18 Jan (KAM); *Rock Island* and *Whiteside* (288), 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Lost Mound* (269), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *L&D* 16 (Rock Island Co) (226), 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV); *HL* (210), 26 Feb (KAM); *Winthrop*H (172), 23 Feb (EWW); *Clinton*L (149), 22 Jan (MEF); *PRKWA* (65), 6 Feb (TJD); *Channahon* (Will Co) (65), 18 Feb (JHH); *Marshall* (61), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 665, *Chi* (Northerly1), 21 Dec (DFS); 593, *Lake*, 6 Dec (GAW); 92, *Will*, 19 Jan (CAT); 40, *Carl*L, 13-14 Dec (DMK, MSS); 15, *HL*, 26 Feb (KAM). **Others:** *Franklin* (12), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Mermet*L (12), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *CONWR* (10), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *EFork*L (4), 20-21 Feb (CLH); *MissR* (Rock



Male and female Long-tailed Ducks. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 6 February 2010. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Male Long-tailed Duck. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 6 February 2010. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Island Co) (3 ♀), 26 Dec (*CDM, JLM); *Cumberland* (2), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (pr), 21 Dec (*KJM, LB).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 810, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); 300, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 185, HL, 26 Feb (KAM); 75, Meredosial (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW); 67, ClintonL, 11 Dec (MEF); 34, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 26, *Will & Grundy*, 2 Dec (JHH). **Others:**



Hooded Merganser x Common Goldeneye hybrid. Behind Shedd Aquarium, Cook County, Chicago. 21 February 2010. Photos by Yen-Chi Liy.



MSS, DMK); GreenR (26), 24 Dec (KJM, TB); LTFP (26), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); *Jackson* (20), 31 Jan (KAM); *Madison* (20), 19 Feb (KAM); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (18), 23 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.); LowdMil (21), 19 Dec (GN ph, JRRS); UMRNWR (10), 5 Dec (BJS); *Kankakee* (10), 23 Feb (JHH); *Lawrence* (9), 29 Jan (CAT); UCCA (9), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Morgan* (8), 16 Jan (CAT); *Fulton* (8), 14 Feb (LLH); *Jefferson*

EForkL (115), 15 Dec (CLH); CarlL (80), 14 Dec (DMK); BaldwinL (72), 20 Feb (TJD); CONWR (50), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); RendL (16), 19 Dec (DMK); *Cumberland* (14), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); Ark (10), 27 Dec (KJM, JS); WinthropH (9), 13-18 Dec (EWW). More abundant throughout the state.

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 20, *Jasper*, 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 14, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 28 Dec (KAM); 12, CarlL, 14 Dec (KAM); 8, *McDonough*, 16 Dec (LLH); 7, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); 3, *Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, TB). **Others:** PRKWA (11), 1 Jan (TJD); *Edwards* (7), 26 Dec (RES); Middle Fork SFWA (Vermilion Co) (2), 16 Dec (EJC, HP). Almost gone from east-central Illinois (SDB).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 48, Philo & Urbana Twps (Champaign Co), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 18, *Livingston*, 9 Jan (CAT); 8, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); 6, *McHenry*, 19 Dec (ASt et al.); 5, *Nachusa*, 20 Dec (EWW); 4, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 28 Dec (KAM). **Others:** *Kankakee* (17), 7 Feb (JHH); LShel (8), 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); ClintonL (7), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Mercer* (4), 30 Dec (KJM, WZ).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

PRsNA-J (74), 21 Dec (JWW, SDB, m.ob.).

Wild Turkey

MC: 242, *La Salle & Will*, 16 Jan (JAS); 117, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 115, *Wayne*, 6 Feb (RES); 102, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 87, *Mason*, 5 Dec (KAM, MSS); 39, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.). **Others:** *Franklin* (60), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Edwards* (44), 25 Jan (RES); *Woodford* (38), 4 Dec (MAM); *Whiteside & Carroll* (38), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); CarlL (33), 28 Dec (KAM); Byron (Ogle Co) (32), 24 Jan (DTW); *Nachusa* (32), 13 Feb (EWW); *Pulaski* (27), 28 Feb (KAM,

(7), 31 Jan (CAT); *LostMound* (6), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *Jasper* (4), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW). Reported in greater numbers with more widespread distribution throughout Illinois.

Red-throated Loon

MC: 12, IBSP, 6 Dec (GAW), w/2 there 13 Dec (MLPR et al.). **Others:** WinthropH, 20 Feb (KAM, MSS); Sang (juv), 14 Jan (HDB).

PACIFIC LOON

IBSP, 6-13 Dec (GN, KKM, JRRS, SDB, MLPR, et al.).

Common Loon

MC: 11, *Grundy & Will*, 2 Dec (JHH); 3, CarlL, 5 Dec (DMK). **Others:** ClearL (Mason Co), 4 Dec (RGB, SNB); Sang, 12 Dec (HDB); EForkL, 9 Dec (CLH); Wauk, 13 Dec (UWG); RendL, 19 Dec (CAT, TLK, DMK, KAM); ClintonL, 16 & 22 Jan (MEF).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 42, BaldwinL, 13 Feb (MT); 32, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); 22 & 3, ClintonL, 6 Dec & 22 Jan resp (MEF); 21, CONWR, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK). **Others:** NewtonL (Jasper Co) (14), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); Ark (12), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); CarlL (6), 12 Dec (DMK, MSS); KinkaidL (6), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Vermilion* (5), 16 Dec (SDB, BS, JR); RendL (3), 19 Dec (DMK); MermetL (3), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); LCal (Little Cal R) (2), 9 Jan (SBB); *Cumberland* (2), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); LShel, 2 Jan (SDB, SLD); WinthropH, 13 Dec< (EWW); HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Wolf Lake (Union Co), 29 Dec (PAM, SDB).

Horned Grebe

MC: 20, CarlL, 5 Dec (DMK); 14, IBSP, 6 Dec (GAW). **Others:** Chi (3), 8 Dec (GAW); Sang, 1 Jan (2) & 20 Feb (HDB); EForkL (2), 19 Dec (CLH); LCal, 26 Dec (WJM); ClintonL, 11 Jan< (MEF); *Cumberland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); NewtonL (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW).

Red-necked Grebe

KinkaidL (2), 1 Jan (*KJM, MG).

Eared Grebe

Chi, 15 Dec-24 Jan (SGS ph, GAW, m.ob.); Sang, 8-11 Dec (HDB); Rend L, 19 Dec (DMK).

WESTERN GREBE

WinthropH, 6-7 Dec (GN, KKM, JRRS, SDB, BJS, et al.).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 54, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 38, BraidwoodL, 20 Jan (JHH); 12, CarlL, 12 Dec (DMK, MSS); 7, LCal, 26 Dec (WJM, CDH, m.ob.); 4, Chau, 11 Dec< (RGB, SNB). **Others:** Wauk, 13 Dec & 1 Jan (UWG, GAW); EForkL, 23 Dec (CLH); Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Joliet (Will Co), 10 Jan (UWG).

American White Pelican

MC: 190, HL, 26 Feb (KAM); 65, Millstadt (St. Clair Co), 19 Feb> (TJD); 43, CarlL, 30 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** Chau (3), 5 Dec (KAM, MSS); BraidwoodL (3), 1 Jan & 1 Feb (JHH).

AMERICAN BITTERN

Meredosia (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (PW, TW, MPW ph, SDB, et al.).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 35, Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co), 11 Jan (TJD); 20, CarlL, 21 Feb (DMK); 17, Danville (Vermilion Co), 16 Dec (BS, JR); 14, Chau, 4 Dec< (RGB, SNB); 12, ClintonL, 22 Jan (MEF); 8, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 6, Fox R (Kendall Co), 1 Feb (DJS). **Others:** MissR (Monroe Co) (17), 7 Feb (CCD, PPD); UCCA (16), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Rend L (15), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); CONWR (14), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Mercer* (10), 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); KinkaidL (10), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); Ark (8), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); BraidwoodL (7), 2 Dec (JHH); MermertL (7), 31 Dec (KJM); HL (7), 26 Feb (KAM); EForkL (6), all winter (CLH); HLCA (6), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Great Egret

Sang, 16 Dec & 7 Jan (7) (HDB); CarlL, 12 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Chi (imm), 1-2 Dec (*SBB).

Black Vulture

MC: 34, *Johnson*, 18 Jan (KAM); 9, *Johnson & Massac*, 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); 5, *Randolph*, 26 Jan (KAM).

Others: StarvedRock & Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co) (juv 1st seen in good shape then later captured at Starved Rock campground easily by park personnel and taken to a rehab facility), late Dec – 10 Jan (THr); MermertL (7), 31 Dec (KJM); Hamilton (3), 17 Feb (LS); MissR (Monroe Co) (2), 13 Feb> (CCD, PPD).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 47, *Wayne*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); 40, CarlL, 6 Dec (DMK); 28, *Jasper*, 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 22, MermertL, 31 Dec (KJM). **Others:** *Cumberland & Effingham* (14), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Randolph* (11), 26 Jan (KAM); *Union* (9), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Johnson* (6), 18 Jan (KAM); *Vermilion* (5), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); *Pike* (8), 8 Feb (MJB); *Parkersburg* (Richland Co) (5), 28 Jan (CLH); *New Athens* (St. Clair Co)



Eared Grebe. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 15 December 2009.

Photo by Steve Spitzer.

ad, 4im, 4unk]), 11 Jan (KJM); QC (33 [22 ad, 9 imm, 2 unk]), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Rckfd (29 [8 ad, 21 imm]), 19 Dec (DTW); *MeredosiaL (Brown, Cass & Morgan Cos)* (25[5 ad, 20 imm]), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); *StarvedRock* (22), 21 Feb (DJS); *LostMound* (20 [11 ad, 8 imm, 1 unk]), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *Vermilion* (17 [6 ad, 10 imm, 1 unk]), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); HLCA (17 [6 ad, 11 imm]), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); MissR (Monroe Co) (15[12 ad, 3 imm]), 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); Rock R (Whiteside and Lee Cos) (12 [5 ad, 2 imm, 5 unk]), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); MissR (Alexander Co) (9 [5 ad, 4 imm]), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Ark (8 [2 ad, 6 imm]), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Ohio R (Massac Co) (7 [3 ad, 4 imm]), 31 Dec (KJM); CONWR (6 [4 ad, 2 imm]), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); RendL (5 [2 ad, 3 imm]), 19 Dec (KAM); *Nachusa* (4), 30 Jan (EWW); LShel (3), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); LCal (3[2 ad, imm]), 23 Jan (WJM, SBB, m.ob.); BraidwoodL (3[2 ad, imm]), 29 Jan (JHH); *Kankakee R SP* (3[ad, 2imm]), 1 Feb (JHH); Chi (2), 4 Jan (JWL); *Tazewell* (2), 15 Jan (BCS); *NewtonL (Jasper Co)* (ad & imm), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *Harvard (McHenry Co.)* (imm), 12 Dec (EWW); *RockCut* (imm), 12 Dec (EWW); Spfld (imm), 18 Dec (KAM); ClintonL (ad), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK).

Northern Harrier

MC: 63, PRSNA-J, 21 Dec (JWW, SDB, m.ob.); 36, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 16, CarlL, 28 Dec (KAM); 15, *Hagener Twp (Cass Co)*, 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, et al.); 14, *McLean, Ford & Vermilion Cos*, 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); 9, *Woodford & McLean*, 13 Dec (MEF, MJW); 8, Chi (NortherlyI), 12 Dec (TBs); 6, LShel, 2 Jan (SDB, SLD); 5, *Lake Forest (Lake Co)*, 10 Dec (MF). **Others:** *Edwards* (15), 24 Jan (RES); *Ford* (9), 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Union* (8), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *RollinsSav* (5), 21 Dec (BJS); *Vermilion* (5), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); *Shelby* (5), 17 Jan (TAM); MissR (Monroe Co) (5[2 ♂, 3 ♀]), 13 Feb (CCD, PPD); *Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co)* (3), 19 Dec (DFS); *McLean* (3), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Philo Twp (Champaign Co)* (3), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Wayne* (3), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *McDonough* (3 ad ♂), 19 Dec (LLH); *Mercer* (3), 30 Dec (BB, m.ob.); *Alexander* (3), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Massac* (3), 31 Dec (KJM).



American Bittern. Meredosia Christmas Bird Count, Morgan County. 14 December 2009. Photo by Mike Ward.

(3), 20 Feb> (TJD); *Montgomery* (2), 19 Feb (KAM); *Clarendon Hills (Du Page Co)*, 12 Dec (GG). This species was less numerous and less widely distributed.

Bald Eagle

MC: 101(67ad, 31 imm, 3 unk), MissR (Rock Island Co), 12 Jan (KJM); 91 (44 ad, 46 imm, 1unk), MissR (Whiteside and Carroll Cos), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 60, CarlL, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 49 (32ad, 5 imm, 12 unk), *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 45 (20 ad, 25 imm) Chau, 19 & 26 Feb (RGB, SNB); 22 (8 ad, 14 imm.), UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS). **Others:** *Bureau, Putnam, and Marshall* (40), 27 Feb (DJS); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (34 [26

ad, 4im, 4unk]), 11 Jan (KJM); QC (33 [22 ad, 9 imm, 2 unk]), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Rckfd (29 [8 ad, 21 imm]), 19 Dec (DTW); *MeredosiaL (Brown, Cass & Morgan Cos)* (25[5 ad, 20 imm]), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); *StarvedRock* (22), 21 Feb (DJS); *LostMound* (20 [11 ad, 8 imm, 1 unk]), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *Vermilion* (17 [6 ad, 10 imm, 1 unk]), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); HLCA (17 [6 ad, 11 imm]), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); MissR (Monroe Co) (15[12 ad, 3 imm]), 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); Rock R (Whiteside and Lee Cos) (12 [5 ad, 2 imm, 5 unk]), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); MissR (Alexander Co) (9 [5 ad, 4 imm]), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Ark (8 [2 ad, 6 imm]), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Ohio R (Massac Co) (7 [3 ad, 4 imm]), 31 Dec (KJM); CONWR (6 [4 ad, 2 imm]), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); RendL (5 [2 ad, 3 imm]), 19 Dec (KAM); *Nachusa* (4), 30 Jan (EWW); LShel (3), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); LCal (3[2 ad, imm]), 23 Jan (WJM, SBB, m.ob.); BraidwoodL (3[2 ad, imm]), 29 Jan (JHH); *Kankakee R SP* (3[ad, 2imm]), 1 Feb (JHH); Chi (2), 4 Jan (JWL); *Tazewell* (2), 15 Jan (BCS); *NewtonL (Jasper Co)* (ad & imm), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *Harvard (McHenry Co.)* (imm), 12 Dec (EWW); *RockCut* (imm), 12 Dec (EWW); Spfld (imm), 18 Dec (KAM); ClintonL (ad), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK).

ad, 4im, 4unk]), 11 Jan (KJM); QC (33 [22 ad, 9 imm, 2 unk]), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Rckfd (29 [8 ad, 21 imm]), 19 Dec (DTW); *MeredosiaL (Brown, Cass & Morgan Cos)* (25[5 ad, 20 imm]), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); *StarvedRock* (22), 21 Feb (DJS); *LostMound* (20 [11 ad, 8 imm, 1 unk]), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *Vermilion* (17 [6 ad, 10 imm, 1 unk]), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); HLCA (17 [6 ad, 11 imm]), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); MissR (Monroe Co) (15[12 ad, 3 imm]), 20 Feb (CCD, PPD); Rock R (Whiteside and Lee Cos) (12 [5 ad, 2 imm, 5 unk]), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); MissR (Alexander Co) (9 [5 ad, 4 imm]), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Ark (8 [2 ad, 6 imm]), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Ohio R (Massac Co) (7 [3 ad, 4 imm]), 31 Dec (KJM); CONWR (6 [4 ad, 2 imm]), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); RendL (5 [2 ad, 3 imm]), 19 Dec (KAM); *Nachusa* (4), 30 Jan (EWW); LShel (3), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); LCal (3[2 ad, imm]), 23 Jan (WJM, SBB, m.ob.); BraidwoodL (3[2 ad, imm]), 29 Jan (JHH); *Kankakee R SP* (3[ad, 2imm]), 1 Feb (JHH); Chi (2), 4 Jan (JWL); *Tazewell* (2), 15 Jan (BCS); *NewtonL (Jasper Co)* (ad & imm), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *Harvard (McHenry Co.)* (imm), 12 Dec (EWW); *RockCut* (imm), 12 Dec (EWW); Spfld (imm), 18 Dec (KAM); ClintonL (ad), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 3, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); 3, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.). **Others:** *Nachusa* (2), 20 Dec (EWW);

New Athens (St. Clair Co) (2), 20 Dec (TJD); *Rock Island* (2), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); *Jackson* (2), 1 Jan (KJM, MG). Fifteen other singles reported statewide.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 5, Palos (Cook Co.), 20 Dec (WJM, CDH, WSS); 4, Urbana, 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 4, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 4, LShel, 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); 3, Wayne (Du Page Co), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); 3, Ark, 14 Jan (LS, LBi); 3, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others:** Bushnell (McDonough Co) (2), all winter (LLH); *Kankakee* (ad & imm), 13 Dec (JHH); CarlL (2), 14 Dec (KAM); QC (2), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); *Rock Island* (2), 30 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); Seneca (La Salle Co) (2), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); *Kane* (2), 15 Jan (DJS); *Gallatin* (2), 30 Jan (CAT); *Saline & Hamilton* (2), 31 Jan (CAT); *St. Clair* (2), 23 Feb (KAM). Thirteen other singles reported statewide.

Northern Goshawk

Rckfd (imm), 23-27 Feb (BCW); Chi (imm), 8 Dec & 21 Jan (*SBB ph); Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (imm), 9 Jan (DFS); GreenR (imm), 3 Feb (MAM, APS); PRSNA (imm), 21 Dec (MPW, SDB).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 9, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 9, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 6, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ). **Others:** *Randolph* (4), 28 Feb (TJD); HLCA (4), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Pulaski* (3), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Edwards* (2), 12 Jan (RES); RendL (2), 31 Jan (KAM); PRKWA (2), 13 Feb (MT); *Richland* (pr), 22 Feb (CLH); Spring Bluff F.P. (Lake Co) (imm), 13 Dec (EWW); *Woodford*, 13 Dec (MEF, MJW); *Knox*, 14 Dec (MJB, PR, DH, CS); ClintonL, 20 Dec (MEF); Barstow (Rock Island Co) (ad), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); Spears Wds FP (Cook Co), 20 Dec (CDH, KKM, WJM); *Kankakee*, 29 Dec (UWG); GreenR, 31 Jan & 6 Feb (MJW & GAW, CLW, DKA resp); Sang (ad), 10 & 20 Dec & 29 Jan & (imm) 2-10 Jan (HDB); Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 16 Dec (RDD, MML); *Edgar* (ad), 8 Feb (EWW); Chau, 19 Feb (RGB, SNB).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 60, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 52, *McLean & Woodford*, 7 Feb (MEF, MJW); 41, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); 30, CarlL, 16-17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 28, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 27, *Lee*, 6 Feb (GAW, CLW, DKA); 21, Ark, 14 Jan (LS, LBi). **Others:** QC (21), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Carroll* (19), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Bureau* (17), 20 Dec (DJS); *McDonough & Fulton* (15), 19 Dec (LLH); *Jackson* (15), 1 Jan (KJM, MG). **Other forms:** "Western Rufous" morph - Sang, 11-12 Jan (HDB); Urbana (Champaign Co), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). This is the 6th + year at this location.; "Harlan's" - Sang, 26 Jan (HDB); Cahokia (St. Clair Co), 13 Feb (MST). Mounds (Alexander Co) (mostly white, albino bird w/pale reddish tail), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 15 (3 dark morphs) & 10, Nachusa, 13 Feb & 19 Dec (EWW & GN, JRRS resp); 10, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 9, *Ogle & Lee*, 21 Feb (KAM); 8, *McLean & Woodford*, 7 Feb (MEF, MJW);



*Prairie Falcon. Ogle County.
10 January 2010.
Photo by Greg Neise.*



*Northern Harrier. Montrose, Chicago, Cook
County. 10 December 2009.
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4, IBSP, 10 Dec (JSS); 3, CarlL, 3 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Whiteside & Carroll* (8), 21 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.); Sang (5), 31 Jan (HDB); *McHenry* (4), 19 Dec (ASSt et al.); GreenR (4), 31 Jan (MJW); Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co) (4), 16 Feb (EWW); *McDonough & Fulton* (3), 19 Dec (LLH); *Bureau & Putnam* (3), 20 Dec (DJS); *Rock Island* (3), 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.); *Piatt* (3), 13 Feb (DTW); Blount Twp (Vermilion Co) (2; on lg dead animal carcass), 15 Dec (SDB); *Iroquois*, 21 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Adams*, 16 Jan (CAT); *Cumberland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Clay* (dark morph), 1 Feb (MJB, APS); PRSNA, 17 Dec & 26 Feb (RES, CLH); *Edwards*, 14 Jan (RES).

Golden Eagle

Cook, 11 Dec (BCS); Nachusa (imm), 19 Dec - 21 Feb (GN, JRRS, *EWW ph, KML); Groveland Twp (Tazewell Co) (ad), 1 Feb (KR); UCCA (ad), 29 Dec (*KJM).

American Kestrel

MC: 25, CarlL, 12 Dec (DMK, MSS); 18, *Perry & Jackson*, 31 Jan (KAM); 16, *Cass, Brown, Adams, Pike, & Morgan*, 16 Jan (CAT); 14, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 12, *McHenry*, 19 Dec (ASSt et al.); 9, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 9, *Randolph*, 26 Jan (KAM); 8, QC, 20 Dec (BL, CR, m.ob.); 8, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 6, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL). **Others:** *Cass* (14), 25 Feb (TRE); *Mercer* (13), 30 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); *St. Clair* (12), 30 Dec (KAM); ClintonL (11), 27 Feb (MEF); *Stark* (6), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); *La Salle* (5), 13 Dec (DJS); *Effingham & Clay* (5), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Whiteside & Carroll* (5), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Tazewell* (5), 1 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Logan* (5), 17 Jan (CAT); *Wayne* (5), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK).

Merlin

UMRNWR, 5-6 Dec (BJS, ASSt); Rckfd, 19 Dec (DTW); Forreton Twp (Ogle Co) (ad ♂), 19 Dec (ASSt); Zion (Lake Co), 20 Feb (SBB); Niles (Cook Co) (St. Adelbert's Cem), 14 Feb (JWL); Chi (Columbus Pk), 20 Dec (EDG, EG, AG); JP, 17 Jan (PRC et al. ph); Saganashkee Sl. (Cook Co.), 20 Dec (CDH, *WJM, WSS, SC); *Kankakee*, 19-27 Jan (JHH); EvergreenL (Woodford Co), 30 Dec (MJW); Sang, 2 Jan & 14 Feb (HDB); *Wabash*, 20 Dec (CLH); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 12 Feb (TJD); *Richland*, 19 Dec (RES); UCCA, 28 Dec (VBI ph).

Other forms: Oregon (Ogle Co) (ad ♂ "columbarius"), 20 Dec (DTW);

Peregrine Falcon

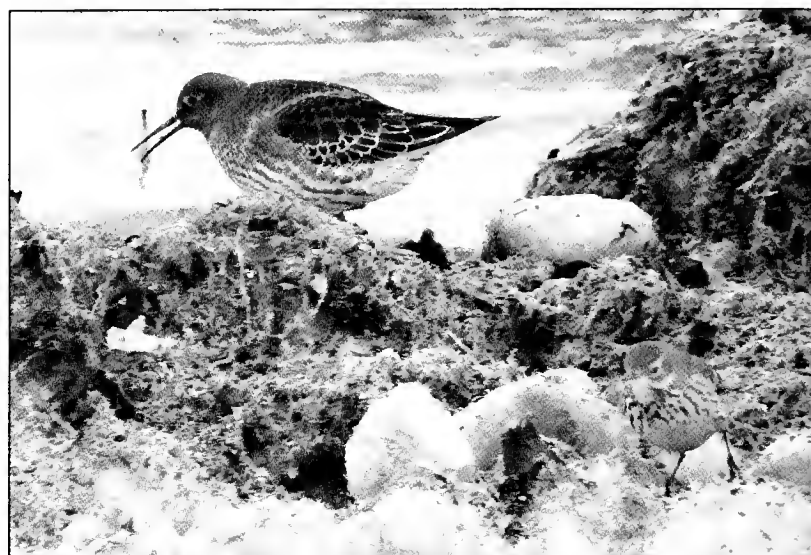
LCal (pr), 1 Dec (WJM); *Winnemago & Ogle*, 27 Dec (DTW); Chi (2), 13 Jan (GAW); *s. Grundy*, 12 Dec (DB); Peoria (Peoria Co) (ad ♂), 13 Dec - 3 Jan (KR, UWG); Sang (ad tundrius), 30 Jan (HDB); Champaign (Champaign Co), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LVermlion (Vermilion Co), 16 Dec (MJE, VB); Madison (ad), 17 Jan (MT); Rckfd, 27 Jan-20 Feb (LGB, DTW, m.ob.); Zion (Lake Co), 24 Feb (EWW); *Kankakee R SP* (ad), 28 Feb (JHH, *GS).

PRAIRIE FALCON

Nachusa & Taylor Twps (Ogle Co), 10-30 Jan (GN ph, JRRS, BAH, RE, APS).



*Purple Sandpiper.
Montrose, Chicago,
Cook County.
22 December 2009.
Photos by Steve Spitzer.*



*Purple Sandpiper and American Pipit. Montrose,
Chicago, Cook County. 22 December 2009.
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King Rail

Wolf Lake (Union Co) (2), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Virginia Rail

Wolf Lake (Union Co), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

American Coot

MC: 700, Coal City (Grundy Co), 2 Dec (JHH); 400, KinkaidL, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 339, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 227, LCal, 1 Dec (WJM); 141, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others:** CONWR (332), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); RendL (192), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); Meredosial (Morgan Co) (80), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW); CarlL (60), 12-14 Dec (DMK, MSS); UCCA (59), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Effingham* (53), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); MermetL (33), 31 Dec (KJM); *McLean* (11), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); BaldwinL (10), 26 Jan (KAM); LVermillion (Vermilion Co) (5), 15 Dec (SDB); Kankakee (4), 1 Dec (JHH); L&D 14 (Rock Island Co) (2), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); WinthropH, 9-15 Dec (EWW); Chi (Grant Pk) (50), 9 Dec (DFS); Urbana, 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). This species was considerably more abundant and widespread than usual this winter.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 6540, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 10 Dec (MF); 5700, Chi, 10 Dec (CBT); 2475, Chi, 11 Dec (CBT); 975, Hebron (McHenry Co), 5 Dec (EWW); 600, Chi, 4 Dec (*SBB); 300, Mundelein (Lake Co), 12 Dec (SDB); 275, LCal, 7 Dec (WJM); 75, New Columbia (Massac Co), 20 & 21 Feb > (FKB). **Others:** Willowbrook (Du Page Co) (50), 12 Dec (GG); *Wayne* (12), 20 Feb (RES); WinthropH (2), 6 Dec (GAW); Naperville (Will Co), 23 Jan – 7 Feb (JLS); Warsaw (Adams Co), 7 Feb (MJB); *Edwards* (73), 21 Feb > (RES). A late migration push brought almost unprecedented large flocks of birds migrating right over downtown Chicago near the lakefront witnessed by many.

Killdeer

MC: 41, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 38, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 5, Chi, 6 Dec < (*SBB); 3, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 12 Dec (DTW); 2, Shiloh (Scott Co), 1 Dec (KAM); 2, *De Witt*, 5 Dec (KAM, MSS). **Others:** CarlL (30), 21 Feb (DMK); PRKWA (20), 20 Dec < (TJD); HLCA (17), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); UCCA (15), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); HL (8), 26 Feb (KAM); *Wabash* (5), 26 Dec (CLH); Chi (Loyola Pk) (3), 11 Dec (SGS ph); *Franklin* (3), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Wayne, Clay, & Jasper* (3), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); QC (2), 20 Dec (TM, SAV, m.ob.); HennepinL (2), 18 Jan (DFS);

IBSP, 9 Dec < (EWW); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); PLNWR, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); SpoonL (Knox Co), 12-14 Dec (MJB); Sang, 3 Jan (HDB); Urbana, 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Macomb (McDonough Co), 5 Jan (LLH); *White*, 23 Jan (RES).

SANDERLING

Wauk (injured leg), **6-15 Dec** (CAT, TLK, UWG, SDB, m.ob.).

Least Sandpiper

Sang, 27 Dec (HDB). Latest Sangamon Co record.; NewtonL (Jasper Co) (7), 21 Dec (PW, TW, HDB).

PURPLE SANDPIPER

Wauk, 6-7 Dec (*GAW, GN, KKM, JRRS, SDB, m.ob. ph); Montrose, 22 Dec (SGS ph).

Dunlin

NewtonL (Jasper Co) (2), 21 Dec (PW, TW, HDB).

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 24, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 14, *Kankakee*, 3 Dec (JHH); 5, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 12 Dec (DTW). **Others:** Sang (3), 2 Jan (HDB); Meredosial (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); Urbana, 19 Dec (GSL); *Edwards*, 10 Dec (RES); MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM).



*First winter Glaucous Gull. North Point Marina,
Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 20 February 2010.
Photo by Jeff Skrentny.*

American Woodcock

MC: 4, *Edwards*, 28 Feb (RES); 3, PRKWA, 20 Feb> (TJD). **Others:** HL (2), 26 Feb (KAM); New Columbia (Massac Co) (2 peenting), 12 Feb> (FKB).

MEW GULL

CarlL (1st), 24 Jan.]

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 30,000, CarlL, 26-27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 25,000, RendL, 31 Jan (KAM); 10,000, *Peoria*, 4 Dec (CAT, TLK, JHe); 1058, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 844, ClintonL, 18 Dec (MEF); 800, WinthropH, 20 Feb (CAT, TLK, m.ob.). **Others:** HL (5000), 26 Feb (KAM); CONWR (1000), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); 410, LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); 338, MissR (Monroe Co), 24 Jan (CCD, PPD); 321, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 154, Chau, 26 Dec (RGB, SNB); 149, *Menard*, 17 Jan (CAT); 130, *White*, 30 Jan (CAT); 84, KinkaidL, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 75, Marseilles (La Salle Co), 31 Jan (DJS).

CALIFORNIA GULL

IBSP (ad), 5 Dec (DBJ); CarlL (2nd), 9 Feb (*DMK, MSS); SantaFe (1st), 14 Feb (*DMK).

Herring Gull

MC: 6000, WinthropH, 20 Feb (GAW, m.ob.); 1200, CarlL, 21 Feb (DMK); 800, LCal, 6 Feb (WJM); 450, *Franklin*, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); 107, *Menard*, 17 Jan (CAT); 88, ClintonL, 5 Feb (MEF). **Others:** QC (298), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); StarvedRock (75), 17 Jan (DJS); PRKWA (52), 31 Jan (TJD); Rock R (Lee Co) (34), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); MissR (Rock Island Co) (34), 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV); LShel (10), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); KinkaidL (3), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); MissR (Alexander Co) (2), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Ohio R (Massac Co) (2), 31 Dec (KJM). ["European" Herring Gull - CarlL (1st), 20-26 Dec; CarlL (2nd), 20 Feb.]

Thayer's Gull

MC: 9 (6 ad, 3 1st), WinthropH, 20 Feb (GAW, m.ob.); 3, CarlL, 22 Dec (*WMR). **Others:** LCal (1st), 28 Dec & 6 Jan (GN ph & WJM resp); Chi (ad), 12 Jan (GAW); Sang (ad), 25 Dec, (ad & 1st) 24 Jan & (ad) 31 Jan (HDB); RendL (2nd), 19 Jan (LS); LCal (ad), 6 Feb (WJM).

Iceland Gull

MC: 4 (ad, 2 1st, 2nd), WinthropH, 20 Feb (GAW, m.ob.). **Others:** CarlL (ad "Kumlien's", 2nd "Kumlien's"), 30 Jan (*DMK, MSS); LCal (ad "Kumlien's"), 23 Jan & 16 Feb (WJM, SBB, MR); Sang, 13 Jan & 1 Feb (1st) & 26 Jan & 7 Feb (ad) (ph) (HDB); RendL (ad "Kumlien's"), 27 Jan (LS); CarlL (ad "Kumlien's"), 30 Jan (KAM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 7(5 ad, 1st, 3rd), WinthropH, 12 Dec (EWW); 4 (3 ad, 1st), CarlL, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS, m.ob.); 3 (ad, 2 2nd), WinthropH, 23 Jan (EWW). **Others:** LCal (2 2nd), 6 Jan (WJM); Wilmington Dam (Will Co) (ad), 6 Jan (JHH); Sang (ad), 31 Dec (HDB); CarlL (3rd), 23 & 31 Jan (DMK, MSS, TAM, m.ob.); RendL (2nd), 6 Feb (LS); CarlL (2nd), 20 Feb (DMK); RendL (ad), 28 Feb (*KAM, MSS, DMK).

Glaucous Gull

MC: 4 (ad, 1st, 2nd, 3rd), CarlL, 17-18 Jan (DMK, MSS); 4 (2 ad, 1st, 2nd), LCal, 23 Jan (WJM, SBB, MR); 3, WinthropH, 20 Feb (UWG). **Others:** RendL (1st), 19 Dec & 21 Jan (*DMK, LS); Chi (ad), 24 Jan (GAW, m.ob.); MissR (Madison Co) (1st), 24 Jan (MT).

Great Black-backed Gull

MC: 3, LCal, 18 Jan (CAT). **Others:** Chi (2), 17 Feb (CAT, TLK); WinthropH (ad & 1st), 20 Feb (UWG, GAW, m.ob.); Evanston (Cook



Adult "Kumlien's" Iceland Gull. Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 13 December 2009. Photo by Matthew Hale.

Co) (ad), 4 Feb (JIE); Chi (Calumet Pk) (ad), 28 Dec (DBJ, GN, JRRS); Chi (MonroeH) (3rd), 4 Jan (DFS); Sang (1st), 7 Feb (HDB); CarlL (3rd), 23 Jan (DMK); RendL, 6 Feb (LS); CarlL (2nd), 14-15 Feb (DMK).

Black-legged Kittiwake

Kankakee, 8 Dec (APS, MJB); ClintonL (imm), 6 Dec (*KAM, MEF ph, TRE, CAT).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: 2000, CarlL, 5-6 Dec (DMK); 640, RendL, 19 Dec (DMK); 65, ClintonL, 5 Dec (KAM, MSS); 20, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW, WSG); 8, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 6 Dec (DJS). **Others:** BaldwinL (250), 29 Dec (TJD); NewtonL (Jasper Co) (30), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); KinkaidL (12), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CONWR (5), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Chi (4), 25 Dec (GAW, RDH, CLW); LCal (2), 26 Dec (WJM, CDH).

LAUGHING GULL

CarlL (ad), 29 Dec - 1 Jan (*DMK).

Forster's Tern

CarlL (2), 5-6 Dec (*DMK).

Tern sp

PowertonL (Peoria Co), 17 Dec (GN, JRRS). Thought to possibly be an Arctic Tern.

Rock Pigeon

MC: 557, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 475, Summit (Cook Co), 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); 405, *Kankakee*, 13 Dec (JHH); 400, CarlL, 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 272, *Cass, Morgan, & Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT); 47, *Marion*, 31 Jan (CAT). **Others:** Urbana (300), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Peoria* (244), 5 Dec (CAT); *Mercer* (236), 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); QC (235), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Ogle* (108), 6 Feb (GAW); Chi (92), 16 Dec (GAW); *Logan* (80), 1 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Lake* (69), 20 Jan (CAT); *Whiteside & Carroll* (52), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Grundy* (48), 9 Jan (CAT).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 18, Lacon (Marshall Co), 5 Dec (EWW); 18, CarlL, 28 Dec (KAM); 15, Granite City (Madison Co), 7 Dec (KAM); 15, BraidwoodL, 17 Dec (JHH); 15, Henning (Vermilion Co), 16 Dec (EJC, HP); 9, *Menard*, 17 Jan (CAT); 8, *Montgomery*, 18 Dec (KAM). **Others:** *Whiteside* (12), 24 Dec (SBH, TH); Reynoldsville (Union Co) (12), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Cass & Brown* (7), 16 Jan (CAT); *Cumberland* (6), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); RendL (6), 19 Dec (KAM); Stavanger (La Salle Co) (5), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); Waterman (De Kalb Co) (5), 6 Feb (GAW, DKA, CLW); Farmington (Peoria Co) (4), 4 Jan (LLH); *Wabash* (4), 30 Jan (CAT); Galesville (Piatt Co) (4), 13 Feb (DTW); Wolf Lake (Union Co) (4), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Hudson (McLean Co) (3), 19 Dec (MJW); *Tazewell* (3), 5 Dec (KAM, MSS); Cutler (Perry Co) (3), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Gallatin* (3), 30 Jan (CAT); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (3), 15 Feb (JHH); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (2), 6 Jan & 25 Feb (LLH); ClintonL (2), 8 Feb (EWW); Steward (Lee Co) (2), 12 Feb (DTW); *Macoupin* (2), 18 Feb (KAM); Chi, 2 Dec (JWL); *Mercer*, 30 Dec (CDM, JLM); LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Dupo (St. Clair Co), 13 Feb (MT).

Mourning Dove

MC: 302, *McHenry*, 19 Dec (AS et al.); 283, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 270, Shiloh (St. Clair Co), 23 Dec (KAM); 234, *McDonough & Fulton*, 19 Dec (LLH); 205, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 183, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, TB,

m.ob.); 173, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL). **Others:** Urbana (184), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); ClintonL (111), 20 Dec (MEF); *Union* (95), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); CarlL (88), 22 Jan (KAM); LShel (82), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Whiteside & Carroll* (75), 21 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.); *Clay, Effingham, & Cumberland* (72), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Jasper* (65), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); QC (56), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Kankakee* (52), 2 Feb (JHH); Wayne (Du Page Co) (50), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); *Massac* (48), 31 Dec (KJM); *Stark* (40), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 51, LCal, 26 Dec (WJM, CDH, JP). **Others:** Chi (14), 3 Dec (WJM, SBB); Lyons (Cook Co) (5), 27 Dec (JS); Antioch (Lake Co), 26 Dec (EWW).

BARN OWL

MC: 4, CarlL, 14 Dec (KAM, MSS); 2, PRSNA, 18 Feb (CLH, RES). **Others:** Wolf Lake (Union Co), 29 Dec (THy, JAS, SDB, PAM); St. Clair Co., 17 Jan (TJD).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 15, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB); 10, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 6, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 6, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 4, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 4, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 2, *Kankakee*, 12 Feb (JHH). **Others:** Urbana (7), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Lee & Whiteside* (5), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); Rckfd (4), 19 Dec - 28 Feb (DTW); RendL (3), 19 Dec (DMK); UCCA (3), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); QC (2), 20 Dec (TM, SAV); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (2), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW); Meredosial (Morgan Co) (2), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); CarlL, 12 Dec & 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); Spfld, 18 Dec (KAM); Mascoutin SRA (DeWitt Co), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); *Gallatin*, 30 Jan (CAT).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 9, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 6, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 6, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); 6, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 4, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (BB, m.ob.); 3, *Perry*, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 3, *Jackson*, 31 Dec (KJM, MG); 3, *Franklin*, 26 Feb (LS, LBi). **Others:** *Rock Island* (5), 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.); Big Rock (Kane Co) (4), 16 Jan (JH); LTFP (4), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); Rckfd (4), 15 Jan (DTW); ICCA (4), 28 Feb (JHH); Nachusa (3), 20 Dec (EWW); *Kankakee* (3), 12 Feb (JHH).

Barred Owl

MC: 12, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 9, LostMound, 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); 8, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, LMurphy SP, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 6, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 5, *Woodford*, 24 Jan (MEF); 5, *Franklin*, 26 Feb (LS, LBi). **Others:** QC (7), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); *Whiteside & Carroll* (7), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (6), 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (5), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); CarlL (4), 12 & 14 Dec (DMK, MSS); CONWR (4), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (4), 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); LShel (4), 2 Jan (SDB, SLD); *Vermilion* (3), 16 Dec (SDB); UCCA (3), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); PRKWA (3), 6 Feb (TJD); Bolingbrook (Will Co), 20 Dec (UWG); Nachusa, 20 Dec (EWW); *Stark*, 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 27 Feb (MAM).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 6, Lost Mound, 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE, et al.); 6, West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 19 Dec (UWG); 5, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 19 Dec (EWW); 5, *St. Clair*, 9-17 Jan (TJD); 5, *Woodford*, 24-30 Jan (MEF); 5, GreenR, 6 Feb (DTW, BCW). **Others:** CarlL (3), 22 Jan (KAM); Lively Grove (Washington Co) (3), 18-28 Feb (TUM); Urbana (2), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (2), 16 Dec (MJE, VB); *Kankakee*, 14 Dec (JHH); *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, WZ); Chi (South Loop), 6-11 Jan (CAT, SBB); LCal, 7 Feb (WJM); *Kankakee*, 2 Jan (fide JHH); *McLean*, 2 Jan (MJW); *Hamilton*, 27 Feb (LS); PRSNA-J, 21 Dec (JWW).



Northern Saw-whet Owl. Clinton Lake, Dewitt County. 10 December 2009.
Photo by Matt Fraker.

Short-eared Owl

MC: 49, PRSNA-J, 21 Dec (JWW, SDB, m.ob.); 20, *Marion*, all winter (CLH); 13, CarlL, 14 Dec (KAM); 6, *Winnebago*, 7 Dec (DTW); 6&5, RollinsSav (Lake Co), 5&11 Dec (BJS); 6, Saybrook HA (McLean Co), 1 Feb (MJW et al.); 4 & 3, Nachusa, 20 Dec & 3 Feb (EWW & MAM, APS resp). **Others:** PRKWA (7), 13 Feb (TUM); Ark (4), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Edwards* (4), 14 Jan (RES); Tamalco (Bond Co) (3), 14 Dec (DMK, MSS); GLPSNA (3), 29 Dec - 7 Feb (UWG, JAS); HennepinL (3), 30 Jan (DJS); Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (2), 16 Dec (MJE, VB); *Richland* (2), 18 Feb (CLH); Congerville (Woodford Co), 13 Jan (TRE); *Shelby & Moultrie*, 8 Feb (EWW); GreenR, 24 Dec (KJM, TB); Chi (NortherlyI), 11-25 Dec (KJM, JRG ph, m.ob.) but 3 there, 12 Dec (TBs); ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); *Wayne*, 10 Jan (RES).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: 5, RendL, 3 Feb (LS, LBi); 5, *Hamilton*, 13 Feb (LS, PT). **Others:** ClintonL, 4 & 20 Dec (MEF ph & GSL ph, SDB, RK resp); CarlL, 14 Dec (DMK, MSS).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD

Jersey (♀), 7 Dec.]

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 8, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 6, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 5, RendL, 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); 4, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 3, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 3, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others:** LostMound (2), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); BraidwoodL, 2 Dec (JHH); Rock R (Lee Co), 24 Dec (CK, TG); HiddenL FP (Du Page Co), 16 Jan (UWG); *Stark*, 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); *McHenry*, 23 Jan (CAT); Chi, 13 Feb (CAT, TLK).

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 21, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 18, *St. Clair*, 24 Jan (TJD); 12, *Jasper*, 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 10, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, SDB, PAM); 6, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 5, *Lake*, 26

Dec (GAW); 5, LShel, 2 Jan (SDB, SLD). **Others:** RendL (7), 19 Dec (KAM); HLCA (5), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL (5), 14 Dec (KAM); Crawford (5), 29 Jan (CAT); LMurphy SP (4), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); Clay (3), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); QC (2), 20 Dec (BL, CR); PLNWR (2), 30 Dec (KJM); MermetL (2), 31 Dec (KJM); Palos (CranberrySI), 5-6 Dec (CBT); *McDonough*, 19 Dec & 18 Feb (LLH); BaldwinL, 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Knox*, 11 Jan (LLH); Nachusa, 15 Jan (BCS); *Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT); *Menard*, 17 Jan (CAT); Kankakee R SP, 1-19 Feb (JHH); *Ogle*, 6 Feb (CAT).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 67, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 58, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 51, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 41, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 36, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 32, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 21, LShel, 2 Jan (KAM, MSS). **Others:** *Whiteside & Carroll* (29), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Massac* (29), 31 Dec (KJM); *Alexander* (24), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CONWR (21), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Lake* (17), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); *Jasper* (14), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 14, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 12, *McLean*, 19 Dec (MEF); 12, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); 11, Marb, 25 Dec (EWW); 10, CarlL, 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 10, *Menard*, 17 Jan (CAT).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 10, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 7, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 5, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM). **Others:** *Vermilion* (4), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); LMurphy SP (4), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Morgan* (3), 14 Dec (MPW); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co) (2), 20 Dec (CLH); LTFP (2), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); *Carroll* (ad), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); Chi (Field Museum), 11 Dec (DFS); Marb (♀), 28 Dec, 16 Jan (*VM, MM, UWG); StarvedRock, 27 Dec (MJW, THr); *Knox*, 14 Dec (fide MJB); Channahon (Will Co), 18 Jan (DFS); *Kankakee*, 22 Jan (♂) & 24 Feb (JHH); Bushnell (McDonough Co), 7 Dec (LLH); PLNWR, 30 Dec (KJM); LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (MPW); CarlL, 12-13 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 70, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 69, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 64, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 54, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 35, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 29, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS). **Others:** *Whiteside & Carroll* (35), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); StarvedRock (27), 27 Dec (MJW, THr); *Lee & Whiteside* (25), 24 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); *Massac* (24), 31 Dec (KJM); *Lake* (23), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); Wayne (Du Page Co) (20), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); CONWR (20), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Jackson* (17), 31 Dec (KJM, MG); *McLean* (13), 19 Dec (MEF); LostMound (12), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); RendL (11), 19 Dec (KAM); *Kankakee* (9), 2 Jan (JHH); *Brown* (9), 16 Jan (CAT).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 21, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV); 17, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 14, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 13, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 8, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 6, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others:** Palos (11), 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); QC (11), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Vermilion* (9), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); *Lake* (8), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); CONWR (7), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); Wayne (Du Page Co) (6), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); *Lee & Whiteside* (6), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); *Perry* (6), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *McLean* (5), 19 Dec (MEF); LShel (5), 2 Jan (SDB, SLD); *Kankakee* (4), 16 Dec (JHH); RendL (4), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Alexander* (4), 28 Dec (KJM, GL).

Northern Flicker

MC: 46, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 41, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 32, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 11, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 9, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 8, *Lee & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 7, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 4, *Menard*, 17 Jan (CAT). **Others:** *Perry* (33), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); ConnerL (Monroe Co) (16), 13 Feb (CCD, PPD); *Vermilion* (14), 16 Dec

(SDB, et al.); *Jasper* (14), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); CarlL (10), 24 Jan (DMK, MSS); CONWR (7), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (6), 23 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (6), 4 Jan (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); LostMound (4), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); RendL (4), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 19, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 14, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 11, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 8, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 8, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 5, LostMound (4), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE). **Others:** MermetL (9), 31 Dec (KJM); *Jackson* (8), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Rock Island* (4), 4 Jan (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); LowdMil (2), 20 Dec (EWW); QC (2), 20 Dec (TM, SAV); Chau (pr), 19 Feb (RGB, SNB); *Jasper* (2), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); *Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); CarlL, 16, 24 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Kane*, 27 Feb (DRD).

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 2, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 2, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL). **Others:** Senachwine Twp (Bureau Co), 19 Dec (DFS); Waldron FP (Kankakee Co), 2 Jan (fide JHH); EForkL, 13 Jan (CLH); KLMSNA, 7 Feb (CCD, PPD); MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 6, PRSNA-J, 21 Dec (JWW, SDB, et al.); 2 (ad), Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS). **Others:** *Wayne*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Massac* (ad), 31 Dec (KJM); *Edwards*, 14 Jan (RES); *Clinton*, 16 Jan, 14 Feb (DMK, MSS); *Clay*, 1 Feb (MJB, APS); *Richland*, 3 Feb (RES); PRKWA (see below under Northern Shrike), 13-14 Feb (MST, KAM); *Jasper*, 21 Dec & 21 Feb (SDB, MPW & CAT, TLK resp).

Northern Shrike

MC: 4, Rckfd, 19 Dec (DTW). **Others:** LostMound, 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); GreenR, 12 Dec – 31 Jan (CAT, MJW); Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co), 16 Feb (EWW); Pine Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (juv), 20 Dec & 9 Jan (AS & KML resp); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 12-16 Dec (KML, DTW); Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (imm), 13-18 Dec (MLPR, EWW); WinthropH (ad), 25 Dec-20 Feb (*EWW, SDB, m.ob.); Northbrook (Cook Co) (hunting a feeder in suburban yard), 12 Feb (MLM); Glenview (Cook Co) (ad), 4 Dec – 7 Feb (JPL, JS, et al.); Crabtree NC (Cook Co), 7 Feb (CSF); Nachusa (imm), 20 Dec-16 Feb (EWW); Franklin Twp (DeKalb Co), 27 Dec (KML); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 11 Feb (PB); Danada FP (Du Page Co), 8 Jan (BCS); Springbrk, 7 Feb (JLS); LCal (Big Marsh), 9-23 Jan (*SBB, WJM); WhalonL FP (Will Co), 20 Dec (UWG); *Rock Island* (ad), 4 Jan (*KJM, DA, RS); Victoria Twp (Knox Co), 12-14 Dec (MJB); GLPSNA, 16-23 Jan (DFS & CBT); *Kankakee*, 29 Dec (UWG); *Woodford*, 5 Dec (MJW); Hudson Twp (McLean Co), 19 Dec (MJW); **PRKWA** (Loggerhead Shrike also present nearby at this site), 2 Jan - 14 Feb (TJD, KAM, MST, m.ob.).

Blue Jay

MC: 145, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 123, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 116, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 112, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 65, *Perry*, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 63, *Jasper*, 21 Dec (SDB, MPW). **Others:** Palos (87), 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); *Lee & Whiteside* (85), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); QC (63), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Massac* (63), 31 Dec (KJM); *Clay*, *Cumberland*, *Effingham*, & *Wayne* (52), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); UCCA (51), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Alexander* (47), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); LShel (47), 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); *Lake* (46), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); CONWR (42), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Vermilion* (40), 16 Dec (SDB); RendL (39), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); LostMound (38), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); CarlL (30), 1, 3, 16 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Brown*, *Cass*, *Pike*, & *Adams* (28), 16 Jan (CAT); ClintonL (26), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Wabash* (16), 30 Jan (CAT); *Saline* (16), 31 Jan (CAT). This species was much more abundant and widely distributed throughout Illinois this winter.

American Crow

MC: 207,000, Danville (Vermilion Co) (yearly winter roost), 16 Dec (MJE, VB, SDB, m. ob.). Largest reported roost in the U.S. each year on Christmas Bird Counts.; 425, *Kankakee*, 12 Dec (JHH); 239, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); 212, *McHenry*, 19 Dec (ASt et al.); 202, *McLean*, 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); 200, *Pulaski*, 18 Jan (KAM); 181, *Lee & Ogle*, 6 Feb (GAW, CLW, DKA); 151, *Perry*, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 87, *Tazewell*, 5 Dec (CAT). **Others:** Urbana (575), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Gallatin, Pope, & Saline* (101), 30 Jan (CAT); *Massac* (81), 31 Dec (KJM); *Mercer* (62), 30 Dec (BB, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (60), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); *Jefferson* (60), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Whiteside & Carroll* (59), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); ESTL (50), 7 Dec (KAM); HL (50), 26 Feb (KAM); ClintonL (49), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); QC (46), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); LShel (44), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Lake* (42), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); CarlL (40), 5 Dec (DMK); *McLean* (40), 21 Feb (KAM); *Union* (32), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); LostMound (30), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); Chi (30), 9 Jan (GAW); RendL (28), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Cass* (24), 16 Jan (CAT); *Jackson* (22), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CONWR (20), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); *La Salle* (15), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Alexander* (14), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Stark* (12), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK).

Horned Lark

MC: 800, CarlL, 8 Jan (DMK); 592, *McHenry*, 19 Dec (ASt et al.); 553, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.); 540, *Tazewell & Logan*, 1 Jan (CAT, TLK); 343, *Gallatin, Saline, & White*, 30 Jan (CAT); 318, *Lee & Whiteside*, 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); 135, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (BB, m.ob.). **Others:** *Ford* (450), 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (229), 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Kane & De Kalb* (225), 24 Feb (DJS); *Clark* (127), 29 Jan (CAT); *Alexander* (114), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); LShel (108), 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); *Lee & Ogle* (92), 6 Feb (GAW, CLW, DKA); *Union* (92), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); RendL (84), 21 Dec (LS); *Marshall* (81), 9 Jan (CAT); *Carroll* (60), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); ClintonL (53), 29 Jan (MEF); *Jasper* (33), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *Hamilton* (31), 31 Jan (CAT); *McLean* (30), 27 Dec (KAM); *St. Clair* (26), 14 Feb (KAM); *Jackson* (25), 31 Jan (KAM).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 73, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 65, *Union*, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 58, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 39, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL). **Others:** *Massac* (33), 31 Dec (KJM); CONWR (31), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (23), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); RendL (23), 19 Dec (KAM); *Perry* (23), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); CarlL (14), 14 Dec (KAM); *Cumberland, Effingham, & Clay* (13), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 237, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 217, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 158, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 135, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 111, Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co), 19 Dec (DFS); 41, *McLean*, 19 Dec (MEF). **Others:** Wayne (Du Page Co) (100), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); *Lake* (93), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (74), 24 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); LostMound (Carroll & Jo Daviess Cos) (58), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (57), 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *La Salle* (22), 27 Dec (DJS, BC); *McHenry Co.* (22), 23 Jan (CAT); LShel (19), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK, m.ob.).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 83, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 51, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 50, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 45, Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co), 19 Dec (DFS); 31, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 24, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.); 24, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 17, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 18, LShel, 2 Jan (SDB, SLD); 12, *McLean*, 19 Dec (MEF). **Others:** *Massac* (49), 31 Dec (KJM); UCCA (40), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Clay, Cumberland, & Effingham* (21), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); RendL (21), 19 Dec (KAM); CONWR (18), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); QC (16), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Menard* (10), 17 Jan (CAT); *Lee* (9), 24 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); *McHenry* (6), 19 Dec (ASt et al.).



Male Varied Thrush. Forreston, Ogle County.
12 January 2010. Photo by John Longhenry.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 16, LowdMil, 20 Dec (EWW); 14, IBSP, 5 Dec (DBJ); 13, *Adams & Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT); 9, Harvard (*McHenry Co.*), 12 Dec (EWW); 9, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 6, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 6, RendL, 19 Dec (DMK); 4, SRSF, 18 Dec (KAM); 4, *St. Clair*, 18 Jan (TJD). **Others:**

Lee (6), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); LShel (3), 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); GreenR (3), 31 Jan (MJW); Marb (3), 16 Jan (UWG); Klehm Arb (2), 27 Dec (DTW); CarlL (2), 3, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); LTFP (2), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (2), 8 Feb (JHH); LMurphy SP, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Edwards*, 4 & 12 Feb (RES, CLH); *Jasper*, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK).

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 84, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 83, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 78, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 76, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 45, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 38, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 22, LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK). **Others:** *Rock Island* (55), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); UCCA (35), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Downers Grove (Du Page Co.) (26), 20 Dec (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (25), 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Alexander* (24), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Palos (20), 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); *Lee & Whiteside* (20), 24 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); *Lake* (18), 26 Dec (GAW, WSG, CLW); ClinL (15), 20 Dec (MEF); CONWR (15), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (13), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *McHenry* (11), 23 Jan (CAT); RendL (10), 19 Dec (KAM); *Stark* (10), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Kankakee* (10), 12 Feb (JHH); *Cumberland* (9), 18 Dec (CAT, TK); *Nachusa* (9), 20 Dec (EWW); *La Salle* (9), 27 Dec (DJS, BC); *Wabash* (9), 30 Jan (CAT).

Brown Creeper

MC: 25, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 19, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 15, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 11, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 11, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 10, Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co), 19 Dec (DFS); 9, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); 6, ClinL, 20 Dec (MEF). **Others:** *Rock Island* (10), 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.); StarvedRock (9), 27 Dec (MJW, THr); RendL (8), 19 Dec (KAM); Wayne (Du Page Co) (7), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); MermetL (7), 31 Dec (KJM); CarlL (6), 6 Dec (DMK); COLSP (5), 15 Feb (BJS); *LaSalle* (5), 27 Dec (DJS, BC); *Perry* (5), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); LMurphy SP (5), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Kankakee* (4), 7 Dec (JHH); CONWR (4), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); LostMound (3), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *Lee & Whiteside* (3), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); LShel (3), 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (3), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW).

Carolina Wren

MC: 68, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 59, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 27, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 27, *Jasper*, 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 12, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV); 6, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); 6, *ClintonL*, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 5, *QC*, 20 Dec (BL, CR, m.ob.). **Others:** *Jackson* (43), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); UCCA (38), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HLCA (36), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CONWR (21), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); RendL (20), 19 Dec (KAM); *Perry* (12), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Cumberland, Effingham, Clay, & Wayne* (11), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); LShel (10), 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); CarlL (10), 14 Dec (DMK, KAM, MSS); *Saline* (10), 31 Jan (CAT); *Wabash* (6), 30 Jan (CAT); *Kankakee* (4), 28 Feb (JHH); *McDonough & Fulton* (3), 19 Dec (LLH); *Whiteside* (3), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); *La Salle* (3), 27 Dec (DJS, BC); Olympia Fields (Cook Co) (2), 24 Feb (MR); *Tazewell* (2), 5 Dec (CAT); *Lee* (2), 14 Jan (BCS); Genoa (De Kalb Co), 16 Jan – 24 Feb (*KML ph); Rckfd, all winter (SG); Mundelein (Lake Co), 10-30 Dec (MLT ph); Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); Galesburg (Knox Co), 24 Dec-15 Feb (PR, PaR); *Will*, 19 Jan (CAT); Lowden SP (Ogle Co), 30 Jan (EWW); LCal, 1 Feb (WJM).

House Wren

Sang, 6 Dec (HDB); Cooperstown Twp (Brown Co), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB, TB); *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM).

Winter Wren

MC: 12, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 10, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 9, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 4, *QC*, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (CDM, JLM). **Others:** Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co) (2), 19 Dec (DFS); RendL (2), 19 Dec (KAM); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co) (2), 20 Dec (CLH); CarlL (2), 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); IBSP, 29 Dec (EWW).

Sedge Wren

Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (3), 21 Dec (*SDB, MPW, BE); UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Marsh Wren

NewtonL (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (PW, TW, HDB); UCCA (4), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); ClintonL, 20 Dec (MEF).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 16, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS, SDB); 13, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 11, CONWR, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 7, *Lake*, 26 Dec (GAW, WSG, CLW); 7, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 5, LShel, 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); 3, Chau, 5 Dec (KAM, MSS); 3, *Kankakee*, 14 Dec (JHH). **Others:** HLCA (9), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); MermetL (7), 31 Dec (KJM); LMurphy SP (5), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CarlL (4), 28 Dec (KAM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 5, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 5, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 3, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL). **Others:** Rckfd, 1 Jan (FB); Lost Nation (Ogle Co), 20 Dec (*EWW); Oswego (Kendall Co) (at suet feeder), 31 Dec – 9 Jan (MRs); *Kankakee*, 7 Dec - 24 Feb (*JH); Sang, 1 Jan (HDB); LMurphy SP, 1 Jan (KJM, MG).

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 133, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 83, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 54, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 25, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); 20, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 12, LShel, 2 Jan (KAM, MSS). **Others:** UCCA (48), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS);

Alexander (44), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); CONWR (38), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Perry* (21), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Hamilton & Saline* (15), 31 Jan (CAT); *Pulaski* (12), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); *Carroll* (11), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); Seneca (La Salle Co) (11), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); CarlL (10), 14 Dec (KAM); RendL (9), 19 Dec (KAM); *Rock Island* (9), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); LostMound (8), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); Palos (8), 20 Dec (WJM, CDH); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (8), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *Ogle* (7), 20 Dec (*EWW); *Fulton* (6), 19 Dec (LLH); Kankakee R SP (6), 13 Feb (JHH); *Lake* (5), 26 Dec (GAW, WSG, CLW); *Marshall* (5), 3 Jan (UWG).

Hermit Thrush

MC: 21, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 13, *Perry*, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 8, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 3, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 2, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); 2, LTFP, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); 2, *Kankakee*, 2 Feb (*JHH ph). **Others:** *Jackson* (6), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CONWR (5), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Saline* (3), 31

Jan (CAT); Chi (Millenium Pk) (2), 11 Dec (DBJ); CarlL (2), 13 Dec (DMK, MSS); RendL (2), 19 Dec & 18 Jan (DMK, KAM); UCCA (2), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); Klehm Arb, 27 Dec (DTW); Chi, 11-17 Dec (*SBB); WhalonL FP (Will Co), 20 Dec (UWG); Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); Sang, 3 & 12 Jan (HDB); LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (8), 21 Dec (MPW, SDB); *Menard*, 17 Jan (CAT).

American Robin

MC: 5070, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 18 Jan (MF); 500, Libertyville (Lake Co), 3 Jan (JSS); 153, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 128, RendL, 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); 119, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 24, LShel, 2 Jan (KAM, MSS). **Others:** Palos (315), 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); *Perry* (90), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); CarlL (60), 6 Dec (DMK); PRKWA (40), 24 Jan (TJD); CONWR (38), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); MermetL (33), 31 Dec (KJM); *McLean* (28), 29 Dec (MEF); *Randolph* (20), 26 Jan (KAM); Spfld (15), 18 Dec (KAM); *Crawford* (14), 29 Jan (CAT). This species was far less plentiful and considerably less widespread throughout Illinois this winter.

VARIED THRUSH

Forreston (Ogle Co), 18 Dec - 28 Feb (ASt, UWG, DJS, m.ob. ph).

Gray Catbird

Chi lakefront (2), 9-23 Dec (DFS, MMs). One found dead 12 Dec (*MM); Chi (Rosehill Cem), 14 Dec (MD); Sang (3), one each on 15, 17, & 24 Dec & 1 Jan (HDB); Mounds (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (PAM).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 11, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 4, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 3, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS). **Others:** Palestine Twp (Woodford Co) (2), 3 Jan (MJW); CONWR (2), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Belleville (St. Clair Co) (2), 23 Dec (KAM); Ark (2), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Alexander* (2), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); CarlL (2), 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Hamilton & Saline* (2), 31 Jan (CAT); *Fulton*, 19 Dec (LLH); Urbana, 26 Dec (BGS).

Brown Thrasher

MC: 3, RendL, 19 Dec (DMK, MSS); 3, HLCA, 28 Dec (PAM, SDB); 2, BaldwinL, 9 Jan (DMK, MSS), w/1 there 14 Feb (KAM); 2, Olney (Richland Co), 13 Feb (CLH). **Others:** Hoover FP (Kendall Co), 7 Feb (JAS); Palos (BullfrogL), 6 Dec (CBT); Channahon (Will Co), 3 Jan (BSs); Maz/Braid, 5 Dec (BR ph); CarlL, 12-14 Dec (DMK, MSS); *McDonough*, 19 Dec (LLH); CONWR, 20 Dec (CAT,



Brown Thrasher. Braidwood Dunes, Will County. 5 December 2009.
Photo by Bronson Ratcliff

American Pipit.
Waukegan Beach,
Lake County.
12 December 2009.
Photo by
Nolan Lameka.



TLK); *Edwards*, 26 Dec (RES); UCCA, 29 Dec & 31 Jan (KJM, VMK, BJS, KAM); *MermetL*, 31 Dec (KJM); *LShel*, 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); *Genoa* (De Kalb Co feeder), 16 Jan-23 Feb (*KML ph); *Gallatin*, 30 Jan (CAT); *Saline*, 31 Jan (CAT).

European Starling

MC: 20,000, *CarlL*, 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 6246, *Perry*, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 2000, *Summit* (Cook Co), 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); 1701, *McHenry*, 19 Dec (AS^t et al.); 1673, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 1374, *QC*, 20 Dec (TM, SAV, m.ob.); 500, *Kankakee*, 5 Dec (JHH). **Others:** *BaldwinL* (4000), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Jasper* (1887), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *RendL* (1069), 19 Dec (KAM); *Jackson* (1003), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Clay & Wayne* (1000), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Saline* (960), 30 Jan (CAT); *CONWR* (919), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Lawrence & Crawford* (785), 29 Jan (CAT); *Ogle* (758), 6 Feb (GAW, CLW, DKA); *Urbana* (749), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Massac* (740), 31 Dec (KJM); *Lee & Whiteside* (694), 24 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); *Wayne* (Du Page Co) (526), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); *Wabash & White* (505), 30 Jan (CAT); *LShel* (492), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Chi* (330), 25 Dec (KJM, JRG, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (316), 4 Jan (TM, WZ, m.ob.); *Union* (231), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Stark & Marshall* (188), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Pike, Adams, Brown, & Cass* (170), 16 Jan (CAT).

American Pipit

MC: 81, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 56 & 37, *Spring Bluff FP* (Lake Co), 13 & 15 Dec resp (EWW); 30, *SantaFe*, 6 Feb (DMK); 20, *Wabash*, 11 Dec (CLH); 9, *Montrose*, 9-25 Dec (*WJM, *SBB, *GAW, m.ob.). **Others:** *Chi* (Fullerton B) (8), 10 Dec (GN ph); *Chi* (Rosehill Cem) (5), 18 Dec (MD); *Chi* (Humboldt Pk) (4), 9 Dec (SBB); *Chi* (Grant Pk) (3), 9 Dec (DFS); *Skokie River Pr* (Lake Bluff, Lake Co) (2), 1 Jan (EL); *SenachwineL* (Bureau Co) (2), 19 Dec (DFS); *PRKWA* (2), 2 Jan (TJD); *IBSP*, 1 Jan (*GAW, EWW); *Evanston* (Cook Co), 13 Dec (MMC); *NoP*, 6 Feb (JN); *Chi* (Columbus Pk), 11 & 20 Dec (EDG ph); *Chi* (Calumet Pk), 28 Dec (DBJ, GN, JRRS); *s. Grundy*, 12 Dec (DB ph); *Kankakee Twp* (Kankakee Co), 2 Jan (fide JHH); *Sang*, 20 Dec (HDB ph); *Kickapoo SP* (Vermilion Co), 15 Dec (SDB). Considerably more abundant and widespread this winter, especially in the Chicagoland area along the lakefront. The largest numbers and most reports ever made at this season for Illinois.

IBOHEMIAN WAXWING

Spring Lake CA (Tazewell Co), 13-14 Dec]

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 200, *Richland*, 28 Dec (CLH); 183, *Palos*, 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); 138, *Klehm Arb*, 27 Dec (DTW); 95, *McLean*, 19 Dec (MEF); 54, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 30, *CarlL*, 14 Dec (DMK). **Others:** *Bemis & Fullersburg Wds FPs* (Cook Co) (131), 9 Jan (DFS); *Lake* (126), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, JSS, m.ob.); *Carroll* (90), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); *COLSP* (75), 15 Feb (BJS); *Rock Island* (65), 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Lincolnshire* (Lake Co) (54), 9 Jan (DBJ);



American Pipit. This is one of 20 present.
Montrose, Cook County. 22 December 2009.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

LTFP (37), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); *ClintonL* (35), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Kankakee* (32), 7 & 14 Dec (JHH).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 4000, *CarlL*, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 1250, *Ford*, 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); 940, *Kankakee*, 27 Jan (JHH); 710, *De Kalb & Kane*, 24 Feb (DJS); 622, *Towanda* (McLean Co), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); 526, *McDonough & Fulton*, 19 Dec (LLH); 500, *Richland*, 28 Dec (CLH); 500, *Ogle*, 21 Feb (KAM). **Others:** *ClintonL* (506), 19 Dec (MEF); *McHenry*, 19 Dec (AS^t et al.); *WinthropH* (325), 10 Dec (JSS); *Sang* (300), 26 Jan (HDB); *Clark* (215), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Mercer* (213), 30 Dec (BB, m.ob.); *Montrose* (200), 11 Dec (LJK); *Chi* (Northerly I) (200), 9 Dec (JWL); *Rock Island* (199), 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.); *Ark* (151), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *LShel* (150), 2 Jan (KAM, MSS); *RendL* (150), 18 Jan (KAM); *Lee & Whiteside* (94), 24 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); *Arrowsmith* (McLean Co) (85), 8 Feb (EWW); *Butler & Grant Twps* (Vermilion Co) (80), 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Tazewell* (73), 1 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Chi* (67), 11 Dec (WJM); *Winnebago* (Winnebago Co) (50), 13 Jan (DTW); *Jasper* (28), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); *Jackson* (20), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Edgar and Douglas* (20), 8 Feb (EWW); *Union* (16), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). More numerous and widespread throughout the state and along Lake Michigan this winter.

Snow Bunting

MC: 1025, *Kane & De Kalb*, 24 Feb (DJS); 1000, *Boone*, 26 Jan (DTW); 830, *McHenry*, 19 Dec (AS^t et al.); 800, *Lincoln Twp* (Ogle Co), 19 Dec (GN ph, JRRS); 745, *Woodford*, 9 Jan (CAT); 660, *IBSP*, 9 Dec (EWW); 62, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (BB, m.ob.); 60, *Saybrook* (McLean Co), 8 Feb (EWW). **Others:** *Winnebago & Ogle* (453), 27 Dec (DTW); *Rock Island* (101), 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV); *Wards Grove Twp* (Jo Daviess Co) (100), 4 Feb (DBJ); *Ford* (80), 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Lee & Whiteside* (65), 24 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); *Butler & Grant Twps* (Vermilion Co) (40), 26 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Thomson* (Carroll Co) (25), 9 Jan (AS^t); *Kankakee* (25), 27 Jan (JHH); *Chi* (20), 11 Dec (WJM); *Sang* (15), 5 Jan (HDB); *Tazewell* (10), 1 Jan (CAT, TLK); *Champaign* (5), 13 Feb (DTW); *Chau* (3), 4 & 11 Dec (RGB, SNB). Very abundant and widespread again this winter, especially in northern Illinois.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

CarlL, 14 Dec - 1 Jan (DMK, TAM); *Spfld* (imm @ feeder), 4 Dec - 17 Feb (HDB, *VMK).



Savannah Sparrow with American Tree Sparrow. Chicago, Cook County backyard. 14 December 2009. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Ovenbird. Chevalier Woods, Cook County. 27 December 2009. Photo by Alan B. Anderson.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

MC: 129, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 33, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 3, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ). **Others:** Grayville (White Co) (4), 23 Jan (CLH); MermetL (3), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); Allendale (Lake Co) (2), 27 Dec (JSS); CONWR (2), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK, m.ob.); EForkL (2), 15 Jan (CLH); CarlL (2), 30 Jan, 7 Feb (DMK, MSS); *Kankakee*, 5 Dec (JHH); Klehm Arb, 12 Dec (EWW). Considerably less abundant and less widespread this winter.

PALM WARBLER

Kankakee, 2 Dec (JHH).

OVENBIRD

Chevalier Wds FP (Cook Co), 20 Dec – early Jan (ABA ph, et al.). Few Illinois winter records.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

Kankakee (♀), 1 Dec (JHH); ClintonL, 19 Dec (*MEF); RendL, 19 Dec (KAM).

Spotted Towhee

John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (♀), 20 Dec (GN ph, RLS).

Eastern Towhee

MC: 7, *Perry*, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 6, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 6, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 6, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM). **Others:** *Alexander* (5), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); *Saline & Hamilton* (5), 31 Jan (CAT); CarlL (3), 14 Dec (DMK); UCCA (2), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Jackson* (2), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); Beall Woods S.P. (Wabash Co) (2), 30 Jan (CAT); Lake Bluff (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EL); *Lee* (♀), 24 Dec (KJM, TB); *Fulton* (♂), 19 Dec (LLH); Sang, 9 & 12 Jan (HDB); PRKWA, 1 Jan (TJD); LTFP (♂), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); Cooperstown Twp (Brown Co) (♀), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB, TB); BaldwinL, 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); RendL, 19 Dec (KAM).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 892, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 385, GreenR, 13 Feb (EWW); 269, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 289, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 150, Montrose, 11 Dec (RDH); 128, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 101, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 80, CarlL, 23 Jan (DMK). **Others:** *Ogle* (230), 16 Jan (KAM); Nachusa (150), 15 Jan (BCS); Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (150), 18 Jan (DJS); Wauk (145), 28 Dec (EWW); *Whiteside & Carroll* (140), 21 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.); LShel (114), 2 Jan (CAT,

TLK); Spfld (110), 18 Dec (KAM); *McDonough & Fulton* (108), 19 Dec (LLH); *Kankakee* (94), 2 Jan (JHH); *Marshall* (85), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); LCal (80), 24 Feb (WJM); QC (56), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *McHenry* (45), 23 Jan (CAT); *Crawford & Lawrence* (41), 29 Jan (CAT); *Jackson* (21), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); MermetL (12), 31 Dec (KJM); UCCA (12), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HLCA (9), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

CHIPPING SPARROW

MC: 12, LMurphy SP, 1 Jan (*KJM, MG); 6, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL). **Others:** Rockton (Winnebago Co), 18 Dec-2 Feb (*DTW, RC); *Kankakee Twp* (Kankakee Co) (at feeder), 2 Jan (fide JHH); Sang, 6 Dec (HDB ph); CarlL., 14 Dec (CM); UCCA, 29 Dec (*KJM); MermetL, 31 Dec (*KJM). Similar to last winter, this species was once again more abundant than usual.

Field Sparrow

MC: 95, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 29, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 8, *Pulaski*, 18 Jan (KAM); 4, Sang, 2 Feb (HDB). **Others:** *Jackson* (4), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CarlL (4), 6-7 Feb (DMK); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (4), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); RendL (3), 19 Dec (KAM).

Vesper Sparrow

Towanda (McLean Co), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Crawford*, 8 Feb (CLH).

Savannah Sparrow

MC: 50 & 12, PRSNA- J, 17 Feb & 21 Dec (CLH & SDB, MPW resp); 30, *Marion*, 18 Feb (CLH); 9, Wauk, 27 Dec (*EWW); 8, Nachusa, 20 Dec (*EWW); 6, Sang, 12 Feb, but 3 there 9 Jan & singles 12 & 26 Jan (HDB); 6, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 4, *Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT). **Others:** HLCA (26), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); *St. Clair* (12), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); CarlL (10), 16 Jan (DMK, MSS); Urbana (8), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); MermetL (8), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); Montrose (5), 10 Dec (SGS); UCCA (5), 31 Jan (KAM); WinthropH (3), 12-13 Dec (EWW, MLPR, m.ob.); *Knox* (2), 14 Dec (PR, DH, CS); CONWR (2), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Ark (2), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Jackson* (2), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Crawford* (2), 8 Feb (CLH); LostMound, 18 Dec (SDB, DTW); *Lee*, 24 Dec (*KJM, TB); Lake Forest B (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EL); Chi (Northerlyl), 11 Dec (DFS); Chi, 4 Jan (SBB); LShel, 2 Jan (SDB, SLD). Considerably more abundant and widely distributed statewide this season. Exceptionally numerous along Lake Michigan.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW

Montrose, 10 Dec (SGS ph). Very few winter records for Illinois.

LeConte's Sparrow

Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW); MermetL (2), 31 Dec (KJM).

Fox Sparrow

MC: 15, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 9, Montrose & Jarvis, 11 Dec (LJK); 9, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 6, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 5, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); 4, Chi, 11 Dec (WJM); 4, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 13 Dec (UWG); 4, *Grundy*, 16 Jan (DFS); 4, Kankakee R SP, 1 Feb (JHH). **Others:** CarlL (8), 16 Jan (DMK, MSS); HLCA (8), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CONWR (7), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Perry* (7), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Edwards* (7), 24 Feb (RES); Rendl (6), 19 Dec (DMK, MSS); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (5), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (4), 11 Dec (SDB); Forreston (Ogle Co) (3), 31 Dec (UWG); *Cass* (3), 16 Jan (CAT); *Morgan & Brown* (3), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW); Urbana (3), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LCal (2), all winter (WJM); River Forest (Cook Co) (2), 1-13 Dec (JSA); Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (2), 19 Dec (EWW); *McDonough* (2), 19 Dec (LLH); *Rock Island* (2), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co) (2), 19 Dec (DFS); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (2), 26 Dec (CLW, NT); Nachusa, 20 Dec (EWW); GreenR, 24 Dec (KJM, TB); LTFP, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 30 Jan (CAT).

Song Sparrow

MC: 161, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 91, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 46, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 17, ClintonL, 19 Dec (MEF); 14, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 13, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.). **Others:** Union (102), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Jackson* (42), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); *Jasper* (30), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); Rendl (29), 19 Dec (KAM); Ark (20), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); CONWR (16), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); CarlL (14), 14 Dec (KAM); QC (10), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.).

Lincoln's Sparrow

Chi, 16 Dec (GAW, JF).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 125, Union, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 122, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 39, Rendl, 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); 11, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 9, *Rock Island & Whiteside*, 23 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 5, *Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT). **Others:** CONWR (25), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); CarlL (22), 14 Dec (KAM); *Jackson* (17), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); HLCA (15), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); *Vermilion* (13), 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); Ark (9), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Chi (3), 4 Dec-17 Jan (*SBB); Nachusa (3), 20 Dec (EWW).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: 252, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 227, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 63, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 41, *La Salle*, 27 Dec (DJS, BC); 40, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 18, *Kankakee*, 1 Dec (JHH). **Others:** Rendl (197), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); UCCA (174), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); CONWR (147), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); *Perry* (124), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Jackson* (57), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); Cooperstown & Versailles Twps (Brown Co) (50),



Grasshopper Sparrow, bottom, with Lapland Longspur. Montrose, Cook County. 20 December 2009.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); CarlL (40), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); GreenR (20), 24 Dec (KJM, TB); *Rock Island* (20), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co) (19), 19 Dec (DFS); *Jasper* (17), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); StarvedRock (15), 27 Dec (MJW, THr); Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (11), 20 Dec (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); Palestine Twp (Woodford Co) (10), 3 Jan (MJW); *Mercer* (9), 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); CBG (5), 31 Dec (EWW).

Harris's Sparrow

Clinton, 4 Dec (MSS); UCCA, 29 Dec (*KJM); BaldwinL (imm), 13-14 Feb (MST, TJD, KAM, m.ob.).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 50, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 40, CarlL, 12 Dec (DK, MS); 19, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 6, Urbana, 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 4, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others:** Rendl (11), 18 Jan (KAM); CONWR (10), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 695, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 598, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 386, *Lee &*

Whiteside, 24 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); 303, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 225, Rendl, 19 Dec (CT, TK); 192, LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK). **Others:** *Whiteside & Carroll* (261), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); CONWR (224), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); LostMound (164), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); *Massac* (139), 31 Dec (KJM); *Clark, Crawford, & Lawrence* (130), 29 Jan (CAT); CarlL (120), 14 Feb (DMK); *McHenry* (116), 23 Jan (CAT); ClintonL (110), 19 Dec (MEF); *Saline & Hamilton* (103), 31 Jan (CAT); *Pope & Gallatin* (85), 30 Jan (CAT); *Alexander* (82), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); Urbana (80), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Nachusa (65), 20 Dec (EWW); *Menard* (53), 17 Jan (CAT); *Kankakee* (52), 2 Jan (JHH); *Brown & Cass* (48), 16 Jan (CAT); Wayne (Du Page Co) (47), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); *Lake* (46), 26 Dec (GAW, SG, CLW); *Monroe* (41), 15 Feb (CCD, PPD); *Jasper* (39), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); UCCA (33), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Ogle* (30), 16 Jan (KAM).

Other forms: "Oregon" Junco - Forreston (Ogle Co), 13-19 Dec (ASt, GN ph, JRRS); *McDonough*, 28 Feb (LLH).

SUMMER TANAGER

Geneva (Kane Co) (♀), 7 Dec (*RA).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 244, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 212, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 182, Arispie & Senachwine Twps (Bureau Co), 19 Dec (DFS); 169, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 137, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 108, *Monroe*, 9 Feb (CCD, PPD); 71, LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK). **Others:** *Lee & Whiteside* (109), 24 Dec (KJM, TB, m.ob.); CONWR (99), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Union (98), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Perry* (90), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Whiteside & Carroll* (88), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); Rendl (87), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Jackson* (84), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); HLCA (82), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL (80), 14 Feb (DMK); *Cumberland, Effingham, Clay, and Wayne* (52), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Lake* (44), 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); *Jasper* (37), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); Wayne (Du Page Co) (36), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW); *Lawrence, Crawford, & Clark* (33), 29 Jan (CAT); *Kankakee* (32), 26 Dec (JHH); *Pike & Brown* (29), 16 Jan (CAT); *McLean* (23), 20 Dec (MEF); *Saline* (20), 31 Jan (CAT).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

LCal (imm ♂), 8-9 Dec (*WJM).

Indigo Bunting

Cooperstown Twp (Brown Co), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB, TB).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 27,915, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 20,050, Jackson, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 11,659, Saline, Gallatin, & White, 30 Jan (CAT); 1150, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); 1000, StarvedRock, 27 Dec (MJW, THr); 400, BraidwoodL, 2 Dec (JHH); 326, De Witt, 10 Dec (CAT). **Others:** Ark (6115), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Clay & Jasper (4035), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); CONWR (2560), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); MermetL (1845), 31 Dec (KJM); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (1500), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); UCCA (1340), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL (500), 20 Feb (DMK); Seneca (La Salle Co) (303), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); BaldwinL (200), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); Urbana (85), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Rock Island (41), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); IBSP (35), 1 Jan (GAW, JSS, CLW, m.ob.); Chi (16), 13 Feb (CAT, TLK).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 142, Jasper, 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 87, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 80, CarlL, 6 Dec (DMK); 50, PRKWA, 14 Feb (KAM). **Others:** UCCA (36), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); ClintonL (31), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Ark (26), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Wayne (25), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); CONWR (19), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); Alexander (17), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Sang (12-13), 4-31 Jan (HDB); Vermilion (10), 15 Dec (SDB); Gridley Twp (McLean Co) (8), 2 Jan (MJW); Saline (7), 31 Jan (CAT); Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (2), 16 Jan (DJS).

Western Meadowlark

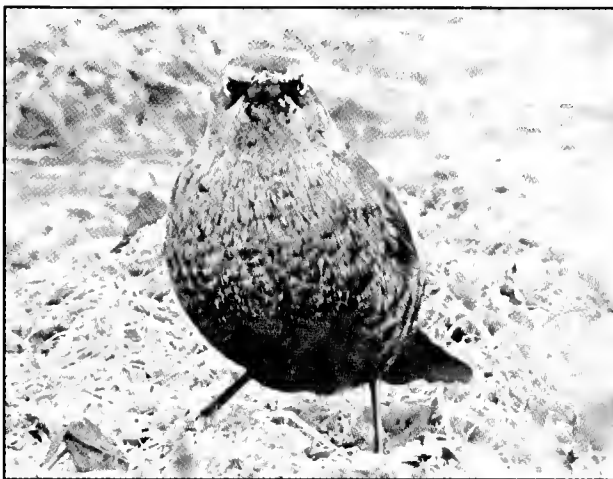
MC: 6, Perry, 10 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** MermetL (2), 31 Dec (*KJM); SantaFe (2), 21 Feb (DMK); Victoria Twp (Knox Co), 12 Dec (MJB); Sang, 31 Jan & 14 Feb (HDB).

Rusty Blackbird

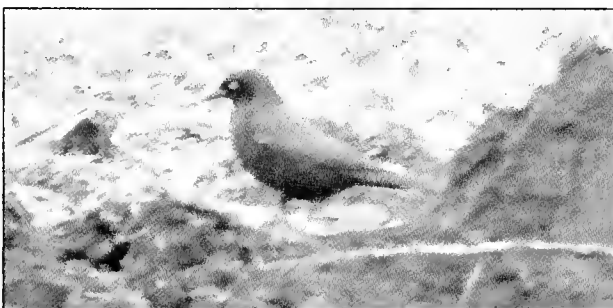
MC: 401, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 200, Jackson, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 200, RendL, 18 Jan (KAM); 12, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 13 Dec< (EWW). **Others:** UCCA (81), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); Perry (60), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); CONWR (43), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); CarlL (40), 23 Jan (DMK); Pulaski (25), 18 Jan (KAM); Massac (25), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); Richland (20), 22 Jan (CLH); ClintonL (12), 20 Dec (GSL, SDB, RK); Darmstadt (St. Clair Co) (12), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); Chi (2), 11 Dec (*WJM). Noticeably more numerous throughout the state this winter.



Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Wolf Lake, Cook County. 8 December 2009. Photo by Walter Marcisz.



Rusty Blackbird. One of two, Montrose, Cook County. 9 December 2009. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Brewer's Blackbird. Clinton Lake, Dewitt County. 4 December 2009. Photo by Matt Fraker.



Great-tailed Grackle. Randolph County. 30 December 2009. Photo by Greg Neise.

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: White Hill (Johnson Co), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others:** Downers Grove (Du Page Co.), 13 Dec (UWG); Hudson (McLean Co) (♂), 19 Dec (MJW).

Common Grackle

MC: 50,000, RendL, 19 Dec (DMK, MSS); 38,940, Saline & Gallatin, 30 Jan (CAT); 10,000, Perry, 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); 700, StarvedRock, 27 Dec (MJW, THr); 183, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 30, Mercer, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); 18, Cass, 16 Jan (CAT). **Others:** Jackson (8101), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); Jasper (6075), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); BaldwinL (6000), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); Randolph (5000), 30 Dec (KAM); MermetL (3178), 31 Dec (KJM); CONWR (3001), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (500), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); Seneca (La Salle Co) (482), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); CarlL (400), 23 Jan (DMK); UCCA (293), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); Morgan (50), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); ClintonL (10), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Cordova (Rock Island Co) (2), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); Woodridge (Du Page Co), 26-27 Dec< (MAM); IBSP (♂), 29 Dec (EWW); McDonough (♂), 9 Jan-9 Feb (LLH).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

Coulterville (Randolph Co) & Perry (♀), 30 Dec (GN ph, KAM, et al.).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 3672, Wayne, Clay, & Jasper, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); 2570, Saline & Gallatin, 30 Jan (CAT); 458, La Salle, 27 Dec (DJS, BC); 351, ClintonL, 20 Dec (GSL, SDB, RK); 265, Ogle, 24 Jan (DTW); 170, Mercer, 30 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 115, Kankakee, 15 Feb (JHH). **Others:** Jackson (603), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CarlL (400), 14 Feb (DMK); Ark (254), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Randolph (200), 30 Dec (KAM); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (200), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); LCal (146), 10 Feb (WJM); Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (104), 6 Dec (DTW); Marshall (85), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); Lee (82), 6 Feb (GAW, CLW, DKA); QC (78), 20 Dec (BL, CR, m.ob.); Fulton (75), 19 Dec (LLH); RendL (65), 19 Dec (KAM); MermetL (51), 31 Dec (KJM); BraidwoodL (28), 2 Dec (JHH); Alexander (25), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CONWR (10), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Urbana (5), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); WinthropH (4; 2♂, 2♀), 10 Dec (EWW). Considerably more abundant and more widespread this winter.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE

Sang (imm), 4 Dec (HDB ph).

Purple Finch

MC: 63, Mercer, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 45, Vermilion, 16 Dec

(SDB, et al.); 37, *Whiteside & Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 22, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 20, *Lee*, 24 Dec (CK, TG); 10, *Grundy*, 16 Jan (DFS); 9, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 7, *Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT). **Others:** *Rock Island* (17), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); Sang (7), 27 Jan (HDB); Rckfd (6), 1 Jan-28 Feb (DTW); Ark (6), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); RendL (3), 19 Dec (DMK, MSS); QC (3), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.).

House Finch

MC: 65, GreenR, 13 Feb (EWW); 56, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 42, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 32, *Kankakee*, 13 Dec (JHH); 23, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 20, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM); 14, DeSoto (Jackson Co), 18 Jan (KAM). **Others:** WinthropH (38), 25 Dec (EWW); Palos (33), 20 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH); Nachusa (30), 20 Dec (EWW); *Ogle* (20), 21 Feb (KAM); *Tazewell* (19), 1 Jan (CAT, TLK); *McDonough* (17), 2 Jan (LLH); Urbana (14), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); CarlL (12), 13 Dec (DMK, MSS); QC (12), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); LShel (12), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK).

White-winged Crossbill

Carroll (♂), 21 Dec (*KJM).

Common Redpoll

Glenview (Cook Co), 9 Jan (DP); *McDonough* (♂), 1 Jan (LLH).

Pine Siskin

MC: 12, ClintonL, 22 Jan (MEF). **Others:** QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH).

American Goldfinch

MC: 468 (planted sunflower fields), Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 360, CarlL, 14 Dec (KAM); 113, *Vermilion*, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 98, *Monroe*, 22 Dec (CCD, PPD); 82, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 73, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 72, *Lake*, 1 Jan (GAW, CLW, m.ob.); 18, *Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT). **Others:** MermetL (70), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); QC (66), 20 Dec (TM, SAV, m.ob.); *Union* (66), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK,

BJS); *Lee & Whiteside* (39), 24 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Carroll* (35), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Perry* (33), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Alexander* (31), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); ClintonL (23), 20 Dec (GSL, SDB, RK); RendL (22), 19 Dec (KAM); CONWR (20), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); LostMound (Carroll & Jo Daviess Co) (19), 18 Dec (SDB, DTW, DE); Wayne (Du Page Co) (19), 19 Dec (GAW, CLW).

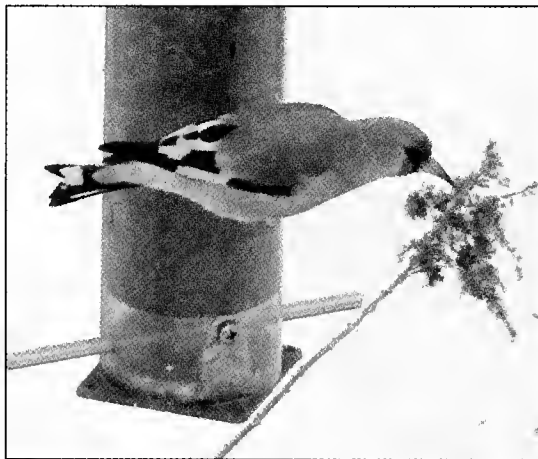
House Sparrow

MC: 686, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 600, CarlL, 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 520, *Kankakee*, 14 Dec (JHH); 376, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 346, QC, 20 Dec (TM, SAV, m.ob.); 217, *Jasper*, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK). **Others:** LCal (334), 26 Dec (WJM, MLB, JP, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Carroll* (263), 21 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); LShel (235), 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Urbana (190), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Chi (170), 16 Dec (GAW); *Lee* (168), 6 Feb (GAW, CLW, DKA); *Cumberland, Effingham, & Clay* (159), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (138), 23 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.); *Stark* (134), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); DeSoto (Jackson Co) (125), 25 Dec (KAM); *Union* (113), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); La Salle (La Salle Co) (110), 27 Dec (DJS, BC); RendL (101), 19 Dec (KAM).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 386, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 100, Greenbush (Warren Co), 20 Feb (TRE); 85, *Brown & Morgan*, 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); 59, *Rock Island*, 26 Dec (KJM, LB, SAV, m.ob.); 44, *Pike & Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT); *Clinton* (8), 26 Dec & 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); HL (6), 21 Jan (KAM). **Others:** Greenview (Menard Co) (38), 17 Jan (CAT); Spfld (20), 18 Dec (KAM); GreenR (15), 13 Feb (*EWW); CarlL (5), 14 Dec (*KAM); Magnolia Twp (Putnam Co) (4), 18 Jan (DFS); Senachwine Twp (Bureau Co) (2-3), 19 Dec – 30 Jan (DFS, UWG, DJS); Cordova (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (*KJM, LB); Carthage (Ogle Co), 30 Jan (*EWW).

European Goldfinch, probably one of the central Asian races, most likely Carduelis carduelis parapanisi. Volo Bog, Lake County. 10 January 2010. Photo by Joe Lewis.



Whooping Crane with flock of Sandhill Cranes. Chicago, Cook County. 4 December 2009. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Barnacle Goose. North Island Park, Wilmington, Will County. 13 December 2009. Photo by Don Blecha.



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Barnacle Goose

LRenwick Pr (Will Co) & Wilmington (Will Co), 12 & 13 Dec (DFS & DB ph resp); Sangchris Lake SP (Christian Co) (shot by hunters, now a mounted specimen), 22 Dec (fide HDB ph).

Whooping Crane

MC: 5, Rockton (Winnebago Co), 1-9 Dec (DTW). **Others:** Wayne (2), 12-15 Dec (CLH, *RES); Chi (lakefront), (2, as singles), 10 Dec (SJH, RDH, PRC); Chi, 4 Dec (*SBB:ph). All observations were either likely or confirmed as being from the reintroduced population of birds from Wisconsin.

European Goldfinch

Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 8-10 Jan (SI, JL ph). This bird was not the race usually found in Illinois, but was instead likely *Carduelis carduelis parapanisi* of the Central Asian form.

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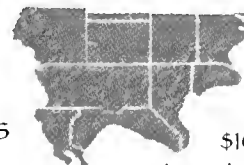
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